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Barak: I'm no dictator

By LIAT COLLINS

Following the Labor faction executive meeting in the Knesset yesterday, which was so emotional that MK Yael Dayan described it as "group psychotherapy," party leader Ehud Barak publicly rejected claims by some Labor MKs that he is acting like a dictator and refuses to consult with them."

Although he said the MKs have no reason to be concerned, he did not state that a steering committee would be established as many of the MKs are demanding, saying only that "The matter will be con-

He said he was not surprised, or concerned, by the force of the

party reactions.

There is no room for any real fears of a dictatorship or of one man taking control of the Labor Party. Labor is a party with a long and broad tradition of democracy and with well-established institutions and apparatus which sometimes even slow down the decision-making process but definitely don't shorten them when it comes to democratic procedures," he

He noted that at present he is acting as party secretary-general and temporarily holds other party functions functions.

As a result it is impossible to meet as some of the members would probably like. I have I no doubt that these matters will be a nave no problem them.... In a democratic party, criticism is not a problem."

He left no doubt about what he sees as Labor's goal.

"Our true goal is to replace Netanyahn's government," he said. "Our main task is not just to: internally reorganize the party but to go out to the public. I was elected to lead the party in the public arena and towards electoral victo-

Barak said his new priorities include promoting free education, the status of women, immigrant absorption and civilian or military national service for all.

The Labor faction meeting yesterday focused on the crisis in the health system.

Outside the faction room, Haggai Merom, who along with Uzi Baram, seems to be spearheading the campaign against Barak, told reporters: "There are those in the party who feel it is being neglected." Merom has been upset with Barak since he failed to be appointed secretarygeneral.

Ophir Pines said he is "very dissatisfied with what's going on in the party and with some of the things Barak himself is doing."

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Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, flanked by his wife, Kochava, and an unidentified Turkish officer, leaves the mausoleum of modern Turkey's founder Kemai Ataturk in Ankara yesterday, after a wreath-laying ceremony.

Defense ties with Turkey bolstered

By ARMEN O'SULLIVAN

defense ties, have been strengthened, as Defense Minister Yitzbak Mordechai's visit here paved the way for lucrative weapons contracts and won a commitment to deeply enhance the strategic alliance between the two countries.

Faced with a similar missile threat as Israel, Turkey is interested in acquiring the Homa anti-ballis-tic missile defense system, including the Arrow missile, Turkish and Israeli defense sources said.

"We are surrounded by regimes with various problems. Israel and Turkey are two islands of stability which must be preserved together," Turkish Chief of General Staff Gen. Ismail Karadayi told Mordechai.

There are loss of issues where we can cooperate. We are fully satisfied with the military and defense industry cooperation between us. There will always be nations against our cooperation, but we are interested in deepening and strengthening it," he said.

Mordechai, the first Israeli defense minister to visit Turkey,

replied to Karadayi that Israel was willing to share with it advanced weapons technology to combat the "When we lock hands, we form a-

powerful fist," Mordechai said. Ankara was shrouded in a chilly found warmth among Turkey's top leaders. After laying a wreath at the tomb of modern Turkey's founder, Mustafa Kemal Atanırk, Mordechai met with Defense Minister Ismet Sezgin. He later traveled to the parliament for a meeting with Prime Minister

Mesut Yilmaz. The visit takes place in the shad-

israel, Turkey bound by common interests, Page 2

ow of the Islamic conference in Teheran, which is expected to condenn the Turkish-Israeli relation-

In Washington, meanwhile, the State Department welcomed Turkish-Israeli statements on military cooperation, saying they demonstrate Israel's continued integration in the Middle East.

We think that Israel's integration into the region is part and parcel of what we think needs to happen in order for there to be an over-all settlement of the Middle East problem. So that's something that obviously we've been encouraging

for quite some time now and we threat not only from Iran and Syria, have welcomed in particular the but also from Greek Cyprus, which between Turkey and Israel," State Department spokesman James Foley told reporters yesterday.

Foley would not comment on the declaration expected to be issued in Teheran denouncing the cooper-

Mordechai repeatedly stressed throughout the day that the defense cooperation between Israel and Turkey was not directed at any third party. Sezgin echoed this.

"I am very happy with the development of the relations between the two countries," Sezgin said. And I especially want to note that the military cooperation, the joint maneuvers and defense industry cooperation are not directed at any-

Mordechai said that the current upgrade by Israel of 54 Turkish Air Force F-4 jets was on schedule, noting that the cash-flow problems at Israel Aircraft Industries had been solved. Israel is the leading contender to upgrade 48 F-5 jets in deal worth about \$100 million, Mordechai told reporters.

Israel also is offering to upgrade Turkey's aging M-60 battle tanks, and sell Turkey UAVs, anni-tank missiles, the air-to-ground Popeye missile and the Galil assault rifle. Turkey faces a growing missile craft missiles, which Turkish officials claim can be converted to ground-to-ground missiles.

Turkish defense officials said they were keen on the Arrow missile and that it was agreed in principle to jointly produce it. Israeli defense officials confirmed this, but stressed negotiations were not yet at an operable stage and that Washington needed to approve any deals since the US provides the lion's share of the Arrow's devel-

opment costs. Mordechai dismissed fears that advanced Israeli weapons technology could find itself in hostile hands, saying that top-of-the-line weapons could be bought elsewhere, and if Israel sold the weapons it could have better control over them.

The Turkish-Israel strategic talks, which take place every six months, are to be held late December in Ankara.

Israel, Turkey and the US are slated to conduct joint naval maneuvers in January. According to the Turkish Daily News, the fiveday rescue exercise, dubbed "Reliant Mermaid," will begin on January 5.

Hillel Kuttler contributed to this

Histadrut, Treasury sign end-of-strike accord

Islamic summit opens today

Biggest int'l gathering in Iran since revolution

By DAVID RUDGE and news agencies

The three-day summit of the Organization of the Islamic Conference that begins today brings together delegates from more than 50 nations of Africa, Europe, Asia and the Arab world.

This summit is the biggest ioternanooal gathering io Teheran since the 1979 revolu-

Iran's bosting of the summit is part of an attempt to improve ties with oeighboring countries and to undermine the US-led Gulf War coalition, according to senior Haifa University lecturer Dr. Yair Hirschfeld.

"It is also an attempt to put an end to America's dual contaioment policy vis-a-vis lraq and Iran," said Hirscofeld, a leading expert on superpower involvement in the Middle East.

Hirschfeld said he was less concerned with the resolutions and more with the general tone of the three-day event.

Teheran's diplomatic comeback, Page 6

"The Gulf coalition, with Egypt, Syria, Lebanoo and the Arab Gulf States, was reinforced by the Oslo Accords and the peace process in general," he

"The peace process had a major stabilizing effect which is now falling apart, and the long-standing Syrian-Iranian cooperation is creating a very dangerous double game, in which they can both play either the pragmatic or radicai roles."

Hirschfeld, one of the architects of the Oslo Accords, ooted that Iran had been neutralized by the Gulf War coalition, and had remained isolated because of its radical, fundamentalist stance.

"The danger oow, as I see it, is that Iran is seeking leginimacy and is opening up its doors to its neighbors and even to the US, while our government is leading us with enormoos speed into

splendid isolation, and that's no joke," he said.

This is likely to create oew dynamics in the region that could, for a variety of reasons, lead to greater radicalism even closer to us, which would be very dangerous.

"An opening of doors towards Iran and an increasing isolation of Israel is also not good for Israel's peace partners, Egypt and Jordan, which don't want terror or war,

The tendency to go backwards on the peace process only serves to ondermine the pragmatists and strengthen the radicals - as can be seen in the increased support for Hamas in the past few weeks - which in turn could lead to the creation of a new vicious circle

of violence," he concluded. Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah was among the first to arrive in Teheran, the first visit by a highranking Saudi leader since the

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Arabia, the world's largest oil ехропег. Other arrivals included Sheikh Jaber Sabah of Kuwait, a foe of

Iran during its 1980-88 war with lraq seot its vice president,

Taha Yassio Ramadan.

He joios Foreign Minister Mohammed Saced Sahhaf in the highest-ranking Iraqi delegation to visit Teberan since the Gulf

President Elias Hrawi of Lebanon, a Christian, arrived with a delegation that included his Moslem prime minister, Rafik Hariri.

Still, there were some promicent no-shows: Egypt's Hosni Mubarak; for example, decided

just days earlier to stay away. The summit follows a two-day meeting of Moslem foreign ministers, who approved 140 resolutioos for the meenog.

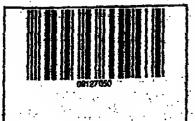
The ministers condemned military cooperation with Israel, in a slap at Turkey. But with Saudi Arabia,

Kuwait, Egypt and other American allies present, the delegates stopped short of denounc-

Belly dancer sues Bassiouny for NIS 1m.

The belly dancer who earlier this year accused Egyptian Ambassador Mohammed Bassiouny of attempted rape, filed a suit against him yesterday in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court for NIS I million in damages. She claimed that her life was destroyed by the alleged attack and the state attorney's decision to dismiss her charges

The belly dancer is suing both Bassiouny and Dr. Yehoshafat Shulman, saying her reputation was mined after she filed an assault complaint against the ambassador. She said she was no longer being hired to perform.



Shulman, Bassiouny's, is included in the suit for inviting the dancer to his home to meet with the ambassador several times, before the alleged attack took place in August.

The dancer, whose name is barred from publication, said in the suit that she agreed to meet Bassiouny at Shulman's home, after the ambassador convinced her he merely wanted to give her a birthday present and offer her jobs.

Once there, the woman claims. Bassiouny tried to persuade her to have sex with him and at one point forced her down on a bed, pinned her hands down, and kissed her. She also claims that the police, giving undue consideration to for-

eign policy, which is not their

domain, pressured her to drop her The State Attorney's Office eventually dropped the case against Bassiouny for lack of evidence. State Attorney Edna Arbel elicited protests from women's groups when she commented that the woman had been "lightly clad and knew what she was letting herself in for." (News Agencies)

By MICHAL YUDELMAN and DAVID HARRIS Hundreds of thousands of work-

ers, from civil servants to bankers, from garbage collectors to childcare providers, went back to work yesterday, as the heads of the Histadrut and Treasury signed an understanding ending the five-day

Strike was about power of the union, Page 3 Treasury: New pension deal saves NIS 5.6b., Page 13

In an attempt to claim victory in the confrontation, a senior Treasury official quipped yesterday that while the Histadrut had won a Fiat 850 the government had earned a "shiny new Cadillac."

In the document, signed in the chambers of National Labor Court President Stephen Adler, Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman agreed

that the Histadrut would be consulted before any decisions were made regarding health insurance, the state budget or structural economic changes. The agreement also ratified the

"Shohat-Peretz agreement," which calls for compensating wage earners for changes in pension terms. Treasury sources confirmed vesterday that the agreement, reached just before last year's elections,

which Neeman had challenged, was valid and had been signed with Treasury approval. The Treasury also agreed to back down on plans to tax study

The sides have 10 days to reach agreement over how to change civil servant pensions so that the funds are contributed by the workers and employers instead of com-

ing solely from the state budget. If the deadline isn't met, Neeman and Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz would have three days to negotiate the issue on their own. If they, too, fail, then Judge Adler will be brought in again to

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The peacemaker from Brooklyn

By ARYEN DEAN COHEN

Getting Amir Peretz and Yaakov Neeman to agree on something wasn't too difficult for National Labor Court President Stephen Adler. As the father of five boys, he knows from conflict resolution. But a day after the 56-year-old

Brooklyn native resolved the dispute that had gridlocked the nation, he could allow himself to feel a bit Solomonic, as he relaxed following what was arguably his biggest case to date.
"I'll tell you what I felt," he said

yesterday, recalling what went on in the Jerusalem courtroom as an entire nation held its breath. "I felt like I was doing the job I was trained for. I felt that the economy was in grave danger. The labor relations that have been built up over years were in danger of breaking down, and the court had 10 do its utmost to try to bring the parties to a settlement."

So what was it like trying to mix oil with water as he painstakingly



National Labor President Stephen Adler

ground out an agreement?

"The atmosphere was actually good, much to my surprise," he said. They negotiated in a gentlemanty fashion, and they related to each other with respect. They discussed the issues in a substantive way."

When the two men finally agreed and the strike was about to end, "I felt very relieved," Adler said. "I think that it was very important for the country and labor relations that the two partners, the government as an employer and the Histadrut, should reach an agreement. Because without the communication between the two parties and the ability to reach an agreement, the whole purpose of the negotiations would not be fulfilled. The purpose of the negotiations is to reach an agreement, and it was important to do so." When he walked out of the

courtroom, "people were very happy, and the important thing was that the parties felt that I had assisted them to avert a potentially bad situation."

When he got home, his wife Ruth, a social worker who works with elderly disabled people, was already sleeping, "but this morning she was bappy to see my pic-

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in brief

Kahalani warns PA against taking census

Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani has ordered a letter sent to the Palestinian Authority warning them that any census taken in Jerusalem would violate the autonomy accord. He reiterated instructions to police to take whatever steps neces-

sary to stop such activity.

The PA will begin collecting completed questionnaires tomorrow for its first census in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. but has said it will stay out of eastern Jerusalem to avoid a confrontation with Israel. The census will last until December 24, and results are expected to be announced on January 4.

Papon denies knowing Nazis would deport Jews

Accused French collaborator Maurice Papon declared yesterday he was astonished to see Jews arrested on his orders in 1942 being sent off to detention centers en route to Nazi death camps. Papon, who denies prosecution charges he sent 1,560 Jews off to the camps, told the court he had no idea what the wartime Nazi occupiers planned to do with the Jews.

The former Vicby regime official in Bordeaux said bis signature on arrest orders before the first major round-up of Jews in July 1942 was only a formality and argued he had no powers despite his role as a senior bureaucrat.

Civil plaintiffs in the case, many of them Bordeaux Jews who lost relatives in the Holocaust, accuse Papon of knowing that sending Jews to the Drancy transit camp near Paris meant they would probably end up in Auschwitz.

Police raid office suspected of financing Hamas

Police yesterday confiscated documents from an office in A-Ram, in north Jerusalem, which is suspected of laundering money for Hamas in the territories.

The office of the American Holy Land Foundation was ordered closed in May, but there were increased suspicions in the last few weeks that it was continuing to function.

Meteorologists warn of brief winter spell

The meteorological service yesterday warned the public to prepare for a brief blast of winter, as strong winds lashed parts of the country last night in an apparent prelude to stormy weather. Thunderstorms and winds, with gusts reaching up to 70 kph,

are forecast for today.

The weather bureau said there would be a risk of flooding in low-lying areas as the forecast rain spreads from the north to the central and southern regions. Drivers were warned to take extra care on wet roads and particularly to avoid having to brake suddenly. The storms are due to die out during the course of tomorrow, although it is expected to remain colder than usual for the

Agudath Israel launching PR campaign

Taking a page from the American Jewish public-relations playbook, Agudath Israel of America is planning a \$2 million newspaper ad campaign to rebut "the lies spread about

"Reform and Conservative leaders are trying to brainwash the Isracli public to accept their movements," Rabbi Moshe Sherer, Agudath Israel's president, said last month at the Orthodox organization's national convention.

The Reform and Conservative movements also are trying to pressure the US Congress and casting Israel as a violator of religious rights, Sherer said, calling the tactics used to vilify the Orthodox reprehensible.

The ads are to appear beginning next month in Israeli and

Prime minister goes to Ellat

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyabu visits Eilat today for meetings with local politicians and business leaders and to

Mayor Gabi Kadosb is laying out a traditional welcome in which the city's rabbis will greet Netanyahu with bread and salt. Afterwards Netanyahu will visit Eilat's Economic Forum and confer with municipal leaders.

Towards the end of his stay, the prime minister will attend an international tennis tournament and drive through a new neighborhood. It is Netanyahu's first visit to Eilat since he was elect-

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CHANA MANDERMAN

PM gives update on Albright talks

The cabinet was briefed yesterday by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu on his talks with US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. The cabinet also discussed the precise percentage of West Bank territory to be transferred to the Palestinian Authority and the percentage due to remain under Israeli control at least until the end of final-status talks.

Netanyahu's media adviser, Shai Bazak, emphatically denied a Channel 1 report that the prime minister recommended that the IDF evacuate more than 10 per-

cent of the area in which it currently is deployed.

The denial was in sharp contrast to foreign media reports that Albright dismissed the government's initial idea of a withdrawal from 6-8% of the West Bank as insufficient and unlikely to win PA

Albright pressured Israeli and

Palestinian leaders to make key decisions to advance the peace process in recent meetings, but said yesterday that Washington would not dictate terms for an IDF withdrawal from the West Bank. She told reporters yesterday after meeting French Prime

Minister Lionel Jospin at the end of a four-day visit to France that, "We are not asking the Israelis for a percentage now." But Albright said that both sides "must do a lot" to revive the peace process.

Albright is demanding from Israel a "credible" new troop pull-back in the West Bank and a settlement freeze. From the Palestinians she wants a firmer commitment to protect Israel from attack by Moslem extremists.

"I think that both sides must do a lot," Albright said in halting French. "One bundred percent effort on security matters is absolutely necessary for the situa-

tion to improve in the region." Netanyahn also reported to the cabinet yesterday on his summit talks with German Chancellor Helmut Kohl in Bonn and with Jospin and French President Jacques Chirac in Paris.

He is expected to rendezvous with Albright again on December 17. It is generally believed that Paris will be the venue for this meeting and that Geneva again will serve as the venne for the secretary of state's projected meeting with PA Chairman Yasser Arafat.

In the course of the cabinet dis-

to panse seniement activity.

The special committee dealing with further redeployment headed by Netanyahu will meet on Thursday and the cabinet is to discuss the issue Sunday.

The cabinet agenda yesterday included a discussion of Mossad agent Yehuda Gil's alleged submission of false intelligence data about Syria to his handlers. Netanyahu said this was "a grave phenomenon," but contended that Gil's information "did not change the policy of Israel's cur-rent and past governments

B'tselem report: No deportations since 1992

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

A report released yesterday by the local buman rights group B'tselem, noted that since the onset of the intifada on December 9, 1987, through November 30, 1,346 Palestinians were killed by the IDF or security forces. Another 133 Palestinians were killed by Israeli civilians during this period, while 256 Israeli civilians and 127 IDF and security forces were killed by Palestinians.

The human rights organization noted that from 1987 until the signing of the Oslo Accords in 1993, 1,087 Palestinians were killed by the IDF and security forces and 75 were killed by Israeli civilians. In the same period, 101 Israeli civilians and 59 IDF soldiers and security forces were killed by Palestinians.

Following the signing of the Oslo Accords in September 1993 through November 1997, 259 Palestinians were killed by the IDF and 56 by Israeli civilians, while Palestinians have killed 155 Israeli civilians and 6g IDF soldiers and security forces, B'tselem

While no Palestinians have been deported from the West Bank or Gaza Strip since the end of 1992, B'tselem said that IDF and security forces have destroyed the bomes of \$1 families of accused assailants, from the end of 1992 through the end of 1995.

In a related development, the Islamic bloc won a majority in a student election beld at An Najah

interests

analysis

By BARRY RUBIN

"Remarkably wonderful" is how

an Israeli expert characterized

Israel-Turkey relations last week

in Istanbul. That's how Defense

Minister Yitzhak Mordecbai

The two countries cooperate in

Both worry about Syria, Iran,

and Iraq attacking or subverting them, although they bave different

strategies for handling the threat.

Syria supports the Kurdish

Workers' Party (PKK) in acts of

terrorism, claims Turkish territory,

and tries to bully Turkey in water

disputes. Iran interferes in Turkisb

politics, backs radical Islamic ter-

rorists in Turkey and indirectly

belos the PKK. Iraq threatened

Turkey even before invading

Kuwait in 1990 and President

Saddam Hussein remembers

Turkey's pivotal role in helping

the coalition that beat him in 1991.

Israel and Turkey mostly concur

regarding Syria, but an Israel-

Syria peace treaty would be one of

Turkey's worst nightmares.

Ankara, unlike Jerusalem, also

wants to increase trade and ensure

a peaceful border with Iran and

especially Iraq. Turkey also favors ending the sanctions against Saddam, in hopes that he would shut down the PKK bases in north-

Despite these differences, bow-

ever, Israel and Turkey agree on

one thing: being ready to defend

themselves. Turkey's powerful

military wants cooperation with

Israel in training, maintenance, and technology. The main topic of

Mordechai's visit is Turkish arms

purchases, including a large order

But there's much more to the

relationship: profitable Israeli

tourism and growing trade; Israel's friends in Washington lob-

bying for Turkey; and cooperation

on development projects in ex-

Soviet, ethnic Turkish countries of the Caucasus and Central Asia.

Both countries also worry about

renewed Russian ambitions. In

addition, Turkish disgust over

being rejected by the European

Union makes it seek other friends.

relationship are surprisingly small.

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Problems in the Israeli-Turkish

for Israel's Popeye missile.

so many ways because they bave

should find his visit to Turkey.

such parallel interests.



A veiled Palestinian student looks at a campaign leaflet during student elections held yesterday at An-Najah University in Nablus.

The green sash worn by several of the women reads, 'The Palestinian Islamic student bloc for Palestine.' (AP)

University in Nablus yesterday, taking 40 seats, while the Fatah

years since the uprising was start- struction.

students' unity bloc which gained University in Hebron marking 10 and for a freeze in settlement con-

wing won 35, followed by the PFLP which won 4 seats and the strated yesterday at the Islamic, the release of Palestinian prisoners. This report and the strated yesterday at the Islamic the release of Palestinian prisoners.

On 10th anniversary of intifada outbreak Israel and Turkey share

PLC calls for struggle until statehood

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH and MOHAMMED NAJIB

Members of the Palestinian Legislative Council marked the tenth anniversary of the outbreak of the intifada by opening yesterday's session with a moment of silence in memory of Palestinians

killed in the uprising. While the council refrained from issuing an official statement, Palestinian officials debated the intifada's significance in the con-

text of current peace moves. The consensus was that Palestinians would continue their struggle until they achieve inde-

pendent statehood. Political analyst Ghassan Khattib who beads the Jerusalem Media and Communication Center in East Jerusalem, maintained that the intifada pressured Israel into "realizing it was fight-ing a losing battle." Khattib asserted that whereas the signing of the Oslo Accords offered coex-

istence, Palestinians hoped that the peace process would bring political achievements. He argued that this has not happened because of Israel's "refusal" to implement the accords in full. Khamib also charged that the US was biased. In addition, he said, the

Palestinian people have lost confidence in their negotiators. "If the Palestinian leadership deals with

the negotiations in the courageous est proposed withdrawal. "The charged that the PA does not truly manner the Palestinians acted during the intifada, the results will implementation of the signed Mallouh also charged that the ing the intifada, the results will implementation of the signed improve," he maintained.

PLC member Marwan Barghouti, secretary of Fatah in the West Bank, charged that the intifada's goals have not been realized and so the uprising had to continue in spirit.

"The intifada stopped with the commencement of the peace process, but if the negotiations break down the intifada will return, using different methods and techniques," Barghouti said. Barghouti scoffed at Israel's lat-

accords and agreements that were witnessed by the US," he charged.
"We want a three phase redeployment of 91%, and the opening of sea and airports as well as safe passages," he said.

"Israel has a choice, either the Israeli government's intention is peace or a return to violence," he

Abdel Rahim Malloub, leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and member of the executive committee.

Palestinians would not rest until Israel returned all occupied land. He denied reports that Abu Dis could become the capital of a Palestinian state. He charged that the PLC had already agreed to:

make east Jerusalem the capital. "If the Palestinian people have to choose they will fight against occupation. It is difficult to decide ten years later if the intifada was a good step but all Palestinians. believe it was a noble one," he

Intifada changed lives of settlers

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Since the outbreak of the intifada in 1987, the population of settlements in Judea, Samaria and Gaza rose from 50,000 to a current 170,000.

Many settlers who had been on good terms with their Palestinian neighbors were forced to break off their relations with the outbreak of the intifatia, often fearing that they would endanger their Palestinian neighbors' lives.

Almost overnight, the settlers' lifestyle changed; security fences surrounded their settlements, windows on school buses were changed to a more protective glass. As the Palestinians became more soobisticated in their intifada techniques, such as mixing glue into their firebombs, settlers learned how to defend themselves.

"I remember bow we all taught our children to kneel down on the floor of the car in certain areas we

the car if a Molotov cocktail was thrown at us were driving in, and how to make a speedy exit from recalled settlers' council spokeswoman

From 1987 to 1993, 185 Israeli civilians were an dered throughout Judea, Samaria and Gaza, but the signing of the Oslo Accord in 1993 bought about a sharp increase in terrorism and since then some 300 Israelis were murdered and thousands injured, Tamar

It was during this period, said Tayar, that the IDF beefed up security and started escorting school buses which had been armored and bullet-proofed. Settlers began to carry weapons and people hooked up to emergency depots established in many settlements, enabling them to alert authorities if they came under attack. Electronic gates were installed at the entrance to settlements, manned around the clock by IDF sol-

Eizenstat asks states not to interfere with Nazi gold We don't like boycous of any three major Swiss banks said the Bank of Switzerland from partici-pating in a New York City debt offering. Massachuseus was men-

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK - As rumors of a settlement with the Swiss banks grew in intensity yesterday, US Undersecretary of State Stuart Eizenstat told state and local finance officials to stop meddling in US foreign policy with threats of sanctions against the

US foreign policy should be run by the federal government, Eizenstat said yesterday in a statement to some 200 public finance officials and pension fund managers. They were meeting in New York at a conference called by City Controller Alan Hevesi to review Switzerland's handling of war-era assets and the question of sanctions against its banks.

The question of sanctions was first raised in March 1996 by the World Jewish Congress. Yesterday, however, WJC secretary-general Israel Singer said,

kind," and called on the public finance officers to agree to a 90day "moratorium" on economic action against the Swiss. Rumors of a "global settle-

ment" - worth some \$3 billion wafted through yesterday's meeting at the Plaza Hotel. They came only a few days after WJC President Edgar Bronfman said: "It occurs to me that 'Let's forget all this nonsense about great funds and commissions and the committee that's looking into bank accounts.' Let's just say there's a figure at which point we could just settle the whole damn thing, which includes, of course, the class-action suits in New York."

Singer said be boped a global settlement could be reached during the 90-day moratorium. He did not offer details. However, lawyers for claimants who have filed \$20 billion suits against the

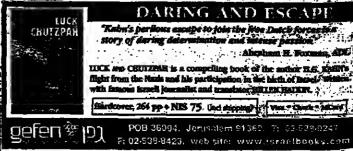
WJC was not authorized to make a settlement on their behalf. Thomas Borer, the Swiss envoy dealing with Switzerland's war-

era history, declined to discuss a settlement. But he took exception. to Bronfman's suggestion, saying that panels to audit the Swiss banks and to allocate a humanitarian fund were set up in cooperation with the WIC.

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Strike was about power of the union

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Tens of thousands of people selves, many of whom don't have who, as a result of the recent strike funds. strike, were stuck in or out of the country, or were without drinking water, a shekel in their wallets or a kindergarten to send their children to, undoubtedly had a few choice curses for the Histadrut and its chairman, Amir

Peretz. But the cursing itself was an acknowledgment of the power of the union. And the

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power of the union, say analysis, was what the strike was all about. "The Histadrut was on the ropes," said Dan Jacobson, a pro-

fessor at Tel Aviv University's department of labor studies. "It was financially bankrupt and its numbers had dwindled as a result of the Health [Insurance] Law. The impression was that it was no longer a factor, and could not mobilize the workers on a large scale.

The strike proved that it is a. factor. Everyone now knows that you can not laugh at or make light of the Histadrut.

According to Jacobson, the strike not only put the union back on the map, it also all but assured that Peretz will be elected as Histadrut head - a job he inherited from Haim Ramon in 1995 when Ramon joined the Peres government - in the labor federation's elections next year.

The elections may very well have been on Peretz's mind when he agreed to end the strike as well. There is a limit to how much pressure you can place," Jacobson said, adding that the strike ended just at the right time for Histadrut. The hardships were incurred not only by the general public, he said,

but also by the strikers them-

Roby Nathanson, formerly head of the Histadrut's Institute for Social and Economic Research, and today the head of a Tel Avivbased economic think tank, agreed with Jacobson and said that

had the strike lasted any longer, negative public opinion would bave begun to work against the union's goals.

"The Histadrut is sensitive to public opinion," he said. "If the strike had gotten much more unpopular, it could have led to a situation where those striking would have themselves begun to break ranks and not cooperate."

Nathanson said, however, that by using the strike weapon now, over a pension issue that does not affect everyone, deprived the union of the ability to use it for other - bigger - issues.
"One rule I always believed in

when I was at the Histadrut was if you have power, don't make use of it - try to achieve your goals by other means," Nathanson said. Because when you use power you deteriorate it, you turn public opinion against you and eventually lose ground." According to Nathanson, this is

precisely the dilemma the Histadrut now faces. The union proved its ability to affect vital services, but how many times will the Histadrut be able to strike?" he asked. "Granted, they had a certain achievement, but there are so many either other things wrong - income disparities, rising unemployment; cuts in the health system - how will they now be able to make an impact on

Garbage strike enters 13th day

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

The strike by Tel Aviv sanitation workers enters its thirteenth day today after workers' representatives and the city failed to reach agreement last night.

In certain parts of Tel Aviv yesterday, citizens were spotted walking around in gas masks, white sanitary masks, or simply covering their noses and mouths with their shirts or handkerchiefs. The stench in some places, especially near the markets of Hatikva and Hacarmel, where rotting meat constituted a major part of the garbage, was intolerable.

In other places, business owners closed down because the heaps of garbage filling the side-walks and spilling over into the streets prevented access to their

shops.

The legal advisers of the municinal workers' union and the city worked into the night yesterday to hammer out an agreement.

An agreement to end the strike was obtained from Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz, who was called to the rescue by Mayor Ronni Milo, after negotiations between the city and workers union quagmired after midnight Sunday.

Peretz, who earlier in the day signed an agreement with the Treasury ending the general economic strike, dropped into City Hall on his way to London yesterday afternoon. He got both sides to agree that the city employ private contractors to clean up four quarters, using no more than eight

This seemed to end the dispute, which focused on the sanitation workers objection to the city's hiring private contractors to collect garbage.

It was agreed private contractors would collect the garbage in



A plaza near Tel Aviv's old central bus station is filled with garbage as a result of the sanitation workers' strike.

Florentine, Kiryat Shalom, Ramat Aviv Gimmel and Neveb Avivim. On Samrdays, non-Jewish workers and contractors' vehicles will clean up entenainment centers all over town.

The stalling of the talks Snnday night triggered off a series of disturbances yesterday. Some 300 sanitation workers over the city on Sunday and yesdemonstrated in Hatikva

Quarter, blocking Etzel Street until the police cleared the route to traffic. Six workers were arrested at a demonstration near the Hiria garbage dump, after protesting strikers slashed the tires of three contractors' trucks. More than 100 garbage containers and bins were set on fire all

was on strike. And we didn't bave

the usual tourist trade, because

they weren't coming into the

Up the street, at the main branch

of Israel Discount Bank, a hand-

written sign taped to the wall

informed customers that the bank

had extended its operating hours for

The bank was busy all day,

the day to make up for the strike.

country either."

Itim adds:

In Holon, sanitary workers said they would continue strike action over the town council's decision to hire private contractors. The Holon municipality turned to the Tel Aviv district labor court to issue an order preventing the workers from striking today.

Meanwhile, dozens of Kitan

crush of business resulted in the

computers crashing twice in the

morning, once for an hour and the

he withdrew money from the

automatic teller machine. "I usu-

ally keep some money in reserve

at home, and I had enough to get

"I ran out of money, that's why I'm here today," said Rabbi Aryeh Weiss of Kiryat Arba, as

second time for 45 minutes,

textile workers continued to bole themselves in the Nazereth factory for a second day yesterday. They are protesting the intention of management to lay off workers and move the plant to Jordan.

They have called a demonstration on Thursday across from the Hussein Bridge in the Jordan

couldn't buy anything yester-

Weiss said be was upset at the

strike, because "it accomplished

nothing and made everyone suffer,

so that Amir Peretz can say, 'We were victorious, the workers won.

That kind of rhetoric is from 50

years ago, nobody speaks that way

anymore. People are too busy try-

ing to make money."

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Winners and losers

Ma'ariv's Moshe Perl writes

that Peretz won his battle for pen-

sion rights and the implementation

of existing agreements. In addi-

tion, Peretz has proven that "he is

According to Vedust Aharonot's Hagar Eursh, the Histadrut's status

has gained a boost from the strike.

organization that had gone bank-

rupt ... to one with public pres-ence," she writes, adding that the

"government no longer needs to

In an article entitled "Pereiz has

won, legal system has lost," Ha'aretz's Nehemia Strassler

focuses on the damage done to the

legal system by Peretz's decision to ignore the back-to-work orders

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Labor Court President Steve

Adler's decision to postpone the

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just hear the Histadrut's demands,

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Yesterday wasn't only the day to

The information clerk on the 7 a.m. till 7 p.m.)

"Was it fun being on strike?" he

Across the street in Jerusalem's main post office, the lines were also long. Augustin Hernandez. from Mexico, had a stack of envelopes in his hand that needed to be mailed soon.

"I was worried that these Christmas cards wouldn't get out in time," he said. "But I think now they'll get delivered before the

mail, otherwise I'll have to pay buge fees, like on my mortgage, The biggest hassle caused by the

son, William. "But they're so backed up, it'll

be another week before he gets his shot," she said.

came in that the post office was closed, for reasons be couldn't understand. They asked me why, I told them to go ask [Histadrut

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Jerusalem returns to normal after strike workers said, so much so that the me to Shabbat, buy I ran out and the country because the airport

By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER

go back to work for the thousands of striking workers, it was also the day for thousands of others to take care of unfinished business that had been put on bold - pay bills. mail letters and finally get a hold of some cash.

ground floor at Jerusalem City Hall said that at least 1,500 more people than on an average day showed up in the morning to pay their municipal property tax, and that the waitline had stretched across the whole of the City Hall lobby. (He said the line would be longer today, when the discount begins for those wishing to pay their property tax early. The office will be open from

asked. "Not for me, I wanted to come to work. And I lost three days' pay as well."

Julie Klapper Sennott stood in line holding a bunch of bills that needed to get to America. "I have to send these by express

strike was getting an immuniza-tion shot for her six-month-old

A security guard at the post office, Michael Lemberg, said he worked last week during the strike, informing everyone who

Chairman] Amir Peretz. What could I tell them?"

But the biggest relief yesterday was the availability of money. At Check Point on Ben-Yehuda Street downtown, the strike "provided less business then we all thought it would," said Doron Strauss, "Israelis didn't come in because they didn't bave the shekels to buy dollars for overseas travel, and they couldn't get out of

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contempt of court suits.

Even Adler chose to pardon the honor of the court ... the loser is the legal system," Strassler writes. The most significant meaning of the struggle with the Treasury. lies in the democratic aspect,

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Yediot that "The workers unions always functioned as means to protect democratic principles against injuries inflicted by auto-The Treasury-Histadrut agreement ending the five-day general cratic governments." strike that paralyzed the country gave the press plenty of material to use for analyzing the achievements Gil affair of the unprecedented war Histadrut Chamman Amir Peretz As the case of the false informa-

tion an agent gave to the Mossad unravels, the media attempt to asses the impact of the story on the intelligence community and society.

"Almost every failure within the

intelligence community is followed by mud-wrestling abundant with slander," Yediot's Ron Ben-Yishai writes, referring to the rivalry between former Mossad director Shabtai Shavit, former OC Intelligence, Uri Saguy and the current Mossad director, Danny Yatom.

Ben-Yishai adds that following Yatom's mishap in the Mashaal affair, his exposure of Gil's conduct may be an asset to his damaged reputation.

Ma'ariy's Bamby Sheleg also refers to the timing of the affair's exposure, claiming that it is not coincidental: "An interesting question is: who leaked the classified information and why do so in the present time; Is the leak meant to advance a Syrian option and to anesthetize the Palestinian front?"

According to Ha'aretz's Gidon Samet, "the Mossad is the mole," explaining that unlike other state bodies it has been isolated from external criticism and inspection. The only way to posify the system end their fend."

is by "exercising cruel means Prof. Francis Raday writes in against the Mossad and not licking its wounds...without fearing an npheaval from within." "What is most scary is the fact that this bizarre event fits in so

By ORLY AHARONI

well with everything else that's happened here lately," concludes Ma'ariv's Chemi Shalev. Inability to launch

With the opening of the Labor convention on Sunday, Ha'aretz's Avirama Golan exposes the lack of party unity, quoting one official as saying: "Here exists a weak and confused party, waiting impatiently for Netanyahu to fall, but no one is waiting for [Labor leader]

Ehnd Barak to win." Ma'ariv's Yosef Lapid claims that Barak is called to prove to his party's members that his controversial suggestion to draft those exempt from military service into national service is not another "zag on the zig zag road that be bas been treading since being elected as chairman."

A meeting with Albright

Yediot's Sever Plotzker is convinced that Secretary of State Madeleine Albright will press Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu into making concessions. "Like a good and tough kindergarten teacher, Albright will bring Netanyahu and Palestinian Chairman Yasser Arafat to the common playground and force them to Despite Peres's statement on Golan:

Third Way still favors unity gov't

By LIAT COLLINS and DAVID RUDGE

Third Way whip Yehuda Harel vesterday said he would continue to push for a national unity government although he strongly criticized Labor Party leader Ehud Barak for not publicly distancing himself from MK Shimon Peres's statement Sunday that the Golan Heights should be given to Syria

in return for peace.
"The Golan Heights are stronger than any government or any party," he said. "Many of those who voted for Netanyahu did so because he was the lesser of two evils. It's possible that in the past two years he hasn't been so good but now Labor has proven that [he] is the lesser of two evils

, Harel added: "I think that in this manner Labor is giving the Likud not just another three years in power but another seven years. Netanyahu is definitely preferable to Peres and so far Barak hasn't disassociated himself from these things and the applause at the Labor convention went to Peres, not to Barak."

He said, bowever, he would continue to call and act for a national unity government because he believes the public is united in its consensus against a pullout from

Peres, who spoke at the Labor party's convention in Tel Aviv on Sunday night, reiterated his remarks in favor of a withdrawal in an interview with Israel Radio

yesterday.
"I don't know why [Binyamin] Netanyahu's government wants to waste time," Peres said. "We have to tell the people the truth and...I feel that time is running out."

The Golan Residents Committee

yesterday urged the Labor Party to drop the idea of withdrawal from the Golan.

The idea of peace with Syria in exchange for complete withdrawal from the Golan is a false dream, because such an agreement is unacceptable to the majority of the Israeli public," said Golan Residents Committee chairman

Shimon Peres, who led the Labor party to total collapse, is a man of history and the pages of history will judge him. If the Labor party has any dreams of returning to power, it has to shake off people like Peres who led the party into the political wilder-

"Instead, it has to return to a path of common sense which is by retaining the Golan under Israeli sovereignty, while continuing to seek ways and formulas of achieving an agreement with Syria, but not peace at any price."

Knesset calls for Pollard's release

By LIAT COLLINS

demanding it.
Deputy Defense Minister Silvan Shalom, answeing the motions, The Knesset sent out a strong said: "This government decided to act openly and publicly for Pollard's release. For years, efforts call yesterday for the release of Jonathan Pollard. The matter was raised by several MKs as a motion to the agenda and united the were made more secretly but were House. Four ministers - Natan not fruitful, unfortunately. Sharansky, Yuli Edelstein, Ariel Therefore, the government has decided to be more open. I hope that soon Jonathan Pollard will be Sbaron and Moshe Katsav - were present, an unusually high turnout. a visitor to the Knesset as an Edelstein, who recently visited

Pollard in prison, said be hopes to Israeli citizen. He said the fact that Pollard had see him here for the country's fiftiexpressed regret for his actions eth anniversary celebrations. He said Pollard had called on Israel to and serve 12 years in prison and the regional and international act more on his behalf, saying that changes that have taken place were justification for a pardon. the US will not release him if Israel is not more active in

Two no-confidence votes defeated

In what seems to have become a weekly ritual, no-confidence motions against Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu were defeated yesterday, after lengthy debate.

The two motions - by Meretz and Hadash, and Labor and the Democratic Arab Party - were on both political and economic issues. The vote, held on both motions together was 45 to 52. The two Moledet MKs abstained.

Deputy Defense Minister Silvan Shalom, who answered on the government's behalf, scorned

the opposition's technique of fil-ing no-confidence motions every week. "It goes on and on - and what for? Just to prove you exist?" asked Shalom.

The motions were filed before the strike began last week, but naturally the subject was raised in the debate.

"We are witnessing a serious phenomenon in which the prime minister is busy all day in his own fight for survival and the question of 'how do I continue to be prime minister' and not the state's interests," said Nissim

Zvilli (Labor). He accused Netanyahu of sus-

pending the negotiations with the Palestinians for no reason and harming Israel's relations with the US and Arab world.

On the economic front, Zvilli complained that Netanyahu supported Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman and did not honor agreements made with the previous government.

"What did the prime minister think? That he could push the workers into a corner and they'd take it quietly?"
Walid Sadek (Meretz) said:

"The only withdrawal Netanyahu has made so far has been the withdrawal from Oslo, in viola-

were signed and his promises."

In his answer, Shalom called on Labor Party leader Ehud Barak to disassociate himself from Shimon Peres's statements at the party's conference.

"Is Ehud Barak, who has no stand [of his own], supporting the establishment of a Palestinian state and withdrawal from the whole Golan -Heights like Shimon Peres says? When he doesn't rule out these things, that [makes it] Labor's stand," Shalom said.

He repeated again that Israel would "respond" if Yasser Arafat

unilaterally declares a state Regarding the strike, Shalom said the promises Labor was referring to "were handwritten on a piece of yellow paper 19 days

before the elections." He implied that then-finance minister, Avraham Sbohat, knew Labor would lose the elections and agreed to things he knew could not be carried out.

"The future of the workers" pensions must be dealt with, but t should be done in the right way not so that Amir Peretz can return to public awareness a few months before the Histadrut elections." Shalom said.

Ugly incident at Knesset cafeteria

By LIAT COLLINS

The Knesset cafeteria witnessed an impalatable incident yesterday when former Labor MK and neighborhood activist Sa'adia neighborhood activist. Sa'adia Marciano shouted at Likud MK Ze'ev Boim a stream of abuse including. You dirty SS man, "Stinking Ashkenazi," "Sephardi hater." and "Son-of a bitch." Marciano's outburst came, after Boim signafiled to him by hand to lower his voice.

Boim complained to knesset

Boim complained to Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon and said he would file a police complaint.

Boim asked that Tichon rescind

Marciano's permanent permit to the building, which he holds as a former MK who served for a few months in the early 1980s. He has all the rights of a former parliament member including access to the legislature, and he is also invited to major events.

Marciano refused to comment



Humanitarian award

Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon (left) hands a NIS 5,000 check to Mohammed Jarawish at a ceremony at the Knesset yesterday Jarawish's seven-year-old son Hassan Ali Jarawish died last month after being shot in the head with a rubber bullet by an IDF soldier during disturbances at Rachel's Tomb, Tichon selected the Jarawish family, which donated the boy's organs to three different children, as one of the six recipients of the Knesset Speaker's prize for improving the quality of life.

Discussion on immigrant group turns political

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Yesterday's Knesset Im-migra-tion and Absorption Committee discussion of Mofet, the immigrant support group named in a recent police investigation involving individuals in the Prime Minister's Office, quickly turned political. . . Police are investigating how a request by the group for NIS 2 mil-Tion was submitted three months past a government-set deadline, but approved nonetheless. Netanyahu's adviser on immigrant absorption,

Zev Geisel, who once headed

Mofet, is suspected of requesting that the application be given priority, with the application then stamped retroactively with a forged

Moshe Leon, the new director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, was also questioned, but a senior source in the Prime Minister's Office said he was not a

Geisel, appearing before the committee, attacked the media for misleading the public into believing the group helped only mini grant children and had received funding from the Prime Minister's Office. Orna Schneiderman, director of Mofet, said the group's funding came primarily from parents' payments.

Labor MK Ophir Pines said the group had been victimized by powerful people in the political system who wanted to help it too much.

Committee chairwoman MK Naomi Blumenthal (Likud) saidthat the sudden interest of the Left in Mofet "has a clear political feel to it, which totally warps the lofty goals for which it was created.

Will the real Yehuda Gil please stand up?

By ALLISON KAPLAN SOMMER

It's David Ben-Gurion's fault that businessman Yehuda Gil has had to suffer from the latest' Mossad crisis.

He is one of 17 men in the country who share a name with the agent accused of falsifying information about Syria. But the reason why Gil the businessman has the same name, according to his attor-ney, Ya'acov Cohen, is because Ben-Gurion persuaded him as a to Hebraicize his nar

Gil the businessman, the most. prominent of those with the same name as the agent, is managing director of Lapidot, a company. that deals in oil exploration.

Coben said that his client had weighed seeking an injunction from the Tel Aviv District court to force publication of the accused Gil's photograph, so that Gil the businessman could have his name cleared. Patriotism got the better of his client, Cohen said, and he decided against going to court.
For Gil the businessman, the



Businessman Yehuda Gil

he went through seven years ago when the Mossad's Gil was described in Victor Ostrovsky's book, By Way of Deception, and an Israeli newspaper published a pic-

ture of the wrong man. "Since then, he has had to be extremely careful about security when traveling for business in the Arab world and eastern Europe, for fear that his picture sits in the For Gil the businessman, the archives of terrorist organiza-episode has been a rehash of what tions," said Cohen.

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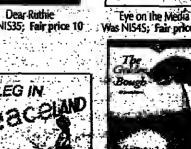
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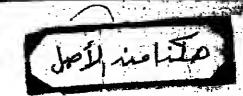
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Cabinet confirms Leon appointment

The cabinet yesterday confirmed the appointment of Moshe Leon as director-general of the Prime Minister's Office. Leon is considered by colleagues as a financial wizard and is credited with enabling the Likud to rehabilitate itself in time for last year's

Forward march!

anniversary of his passing.

By JUDY STEGEL

Dozens of psychologists serv-

iog in the health system yester-

day sent a letter to Prime

Minister Binyamin Netanyahu

urging him to find money for

vital drugs - against cancer.

AIDS, schizophrenia and dia-

betes - that are no longer provid-

The psychologists, who also

wrote to Finance Minister Yaakov

Neeman and Health Minister

Yehoshua Matza, declared that

such patients have enough to

worry about without wondering

where to get the money to pay for

The High Court of Justice yesterday decided to postpone for four months a discussion on whether men

should be allowed to volunteer for national service if

The five-justice panel, headed by Deputy President

Shlomo Levin, had convened to hear a petition present-ed a year ago by the Association for Civil Rights in Israel

on behalf of two Arab women and a disabled Jewish man

who wished to volunteer for national service and to enjoy

At an earlier hearing, some 10 months ago, the

Labor and Social Affairs Ministry announced that it

had changed its policy and would henceforth allow

Arab women to do volunteer service. However, at the

time, the state contended that the law spoke about

they are medically unfit to serve in the IDF.

the benefits accruing to such volunteers.

their severe deficits.

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double the scope of the government's privatization to its current heir staff in July 1996 immediatelevel of NIS 8 h.

He was the heir apparent to his controversial predecessor, Avigdor Lieberman, having served as his deputy while filling the concurrent role of economic adviser to Prime Minister Bmyamin Netanyahu.

The 37-year old certified public elections. Afterwards he helped accountant was invited by

Children in Ramat Gan hold signs for peace and Israel's 50th anniversary in an annual

march held yesterday in memory of the city's first mayor, Avraham Krinitzi, on the 28th

PM urged to fund vital drugs

"Every mother knows that when

there's no money for meat, one eats

bread and margarine. Thus we call

on you to reduce the expenditures on the 50th anniversary of inde-

pendence and to spend the money

instead on medications for the

In addition, Israel Cancer

Robinson and director-general Miri Ziv wrote to every MK, calling on

each of them to take action to

restore the supply of vital medica-tions to the seriously ill.

There are new medications for

breast, ovarian, lung, prostate and

hlood cancers that can offer hope to

Court delays hearing

on voluntary national service

and male.

findings in three months.

sick," they wrote.

ly after Netanyahu took office. Last January, he was given the

post of director of the Prime Minister's Bureau, Leon, who is married and has

three children, graduated from Bar-Ilan University where he earned his BA in economics and

Upon completion of his professional training, he joined an accounting firm where he gained considerable experience dealing with the problems of some of

Israel's major firms.
In 1992, Leon began auditing the Likud's books and helped extricate the party from a financial crisis hy rescheduling dehts and reorganizmg the party's financial structure.

Leon's Orthodox hackground also includes a stint in the IDF's rabbinical troupe, performing as a soloist in liturgical and cantorial works. He ultimately became the troupe's commanding officer.

The impeccably dressed Leon maintains a modest, hut serious composure, his mind focussed on every detail relevant to the prime minister's timetable.

Retired police officer suspected of slaying former lover

By DAVID RUDGE

The retired police officer sus-pected of murdering a Kiryat Motzkin woman with whom he was having an affair was expected to be remanded in custody for 12 days yesterday.

The suspect, Moshe Pe'er, was brought to a Haifa Magistrate Court last night after being released from Assaf Harofeh hospital, where he was rushed after reportedly trying to commit suicide by swallowing tablets.

A neighbor found the body of

Levana Ben-Nun, 50 with a fatal gunshot wound, outside her home on Rehov Weizman in Kiryat Motzkin Sunday evening.

Mageo David Adom paramedics failed to revive Ben-Nun, who was pronounced dead at the scene. Searches were launched for the suspect, a Ramle resident in his 60's, whose name hasn't been published, after learning that he had some connection to the woman. He was tracked down and arrested after midnight at the gravesite of a relative at the cemetery io Gezer, which is near Ramle.

According to police the vietim had sought to break off an affair with the suspect, and bad filed a complaint with police against him two weeks ago.

Relatives said that the suspect had a gun license despite past complaints he had threatened to kill someone and to commit suicide.

They said he had suffered from emotional and financial problems and was under psychiatric treat-meot. His wife reportedly left him several months ago and then returned after he tried to kill himself. Later she reportedly filed for

Lubelsky calls for gun control

By ESTHER HECHT

A very specific type of guo control might prevent the murders of women such as Levana Ben-Nun, according to Masha Lubelsky, senior adviser to Security Minister Internal Avigdor Kahalani on the status of women and the preveocion of domestic violence.

"Police should be instructed to confiscate the weapon of any man whose wife or parmer has filed a complaint against yesterday. She was referring to complaints concerning physical violence, harassment threats.

Curreot regulanons do oot make confiscation mandatory, hut rather leave

the decision to the officer handling the complaint, she said. The change would oot require legislation and could be implemented immediately, she pointed

This would be more effective than a oghter gun-control law, which would lead immediately to a black market in weapons, she

According to Lubelsky, her demand for the change received an icy welcome by the ministry's top brass. "They reacted as though this were too extreme a sanction," she said, but added that they later agreed to look into

Lubelsky doesn't see the sanction as extreme at all, especially in light of incorrect judgment calls hy the police. "In the case of Ben-Nun, both the [suspect's] wife and the victim had complained - in two different districts - but the police apparently didn't see the gravity of his keeping his weapon.

It is emeial that police confiscate the weapon, not only in all the cases mennooed by Lubelsky. but also in cases of stalking, said Ronit Lev-Ari, a -criminologist

who is in charge of Na'amat's department for the treatment and prevention of domestic violence.

they've wronged by the confiscation, let them go to court to get it reversed," she said. Lev-Ari also had an important message for women. "Every

Masha Lubelsky woman who wants to eod a relationship with a jealous, obsessive man who has terrorized her in any way should first seek professional advice, from any of the centers

throughout the country that combat domestic violence - whether they are centers of the [Labor and] Social Affairs Ministry or of the womeo's organizations." Liat Collins adds: MK Yossi Katz (Labor), chairman of the Knesset State Control

Knesset Committee, yesterday called on Kahalani to refresh police instructions on handling cases domeste violecee.

"It is unacceptable that the police should ignore calls of distress it receives," said Katz. "It must act to encourage victims to file complaints in cases of violence before a tragedy occurs."

NEWS

in brief

Man killed in argument over honking

Pavel Ya'acovyuchek, 28, was stabbed to death yesterday morning in Petah Tikva, in an argument about the honking of a car born. The suspected assailant had pulled up to the curb to collect a worker, and honked for him several times. The honking angered Ya'acovyucheck, who began arguing with the suspect. A scuffle broke out, during which Ya'acovyuchek punched the suspect and broke his nose. The suspect then pulled out a pocketknife and stabbed Ya'acovyucheck in the chest. The suspect, 24, a Ramat Gan restaurant owner, has no criminal record, police said. He is to be brought before a judge for a remand hearing today.

Misfired shell just misses motorist

A shell, apparently fired by a tank during a live-fire training exercise on the Golan, struck a road in a populated part of the region yesterday and exploded, narrowly missing a woman who was driving along a stretch of road between Moshav Aniam and Katzahiyeh. The woman was badly shaken, but otherwise unburt and she was able to continue on her way after being given a glass of water hy a member of the Golan regional council.

The training exercise was halted and Northern Command launched an investigation. The IDF Spokesman said an initial inquiry revealed that a shell accidentally fired during a training exercise had exploded in a populated area.

Girl, 8, killed in heater explosion

Eight-year-old Hayh Yusira was killed when a homemade kerosene and coal heater exploded in her family's home in the Galilee village of Tuba yesterday afternoon.

The girl's mother and two babies, aged two and one month,

were treated for smoke inhalation by a Magen David Adom team.

Police said the explosion, apparently caused by too much pressure inside the heater, sent a door flying which killed the girl. Itim

Religious dispute delays burial

The body of a Jerusalem man who died of a heart attack on Sunday is being held in Shaare Zedek Hospital as his relatives quihble about whether he is Jewish or Moslem. The man was born a Moslem but converted to Judaism when he married a Jewish woman. His nationality was subsequently registered as "Icwish" oo his Israeli ID card, his Jewish family members said.

Two years ago, after the couple began divorce proceedings, the man who was in his fifties, reportedly married a Moslem woman from Hebron who is unable to live in Jerusalem.

When he died, his relatives began arguing over whether be should be buried in a Jewish or Moslem cemetery. They appealed to the High Court of Justice to resolve the issue. The court yesterday convened in urgeot session and asked the Interior Ministry to present it with information about the man's religious status by tomorrow.

Wiesenthal Center: Halt pensions to Nazi vets

The Simon Wiesenthal Center advised Germany yesterday that it could come up with more money for its Nazi war crimes unit hy ceasing to pay pensions to veterans of Nazi units involved in killing civilians during World War II. The demand made by Efraim Zuroff, the center's Israel director, came a week after Zuroff handed German authorities a list of potential war crimes suspects believed to be living in Germany. Will Dressen, director of the Ludwigsburg Central Office for investigating Nazi crimes, had replied to Zuroff that his office lacked enough funds to probe all the cases. Jerusalem Post Staff

Historian Leon Poliakov dies

Russian-born Leon Poliakov, a leading historian of totalitarian regimes and annisemitism who was an expert at the 1945 Nuremberg trials, died yesterday in France at the age of 87. Poliakov, whose family fled Russia within two years of the 1917 Bolshevik revolution and settled in Paris, was best known for his book, 20th-Century Totalitarianism and a five-volume

Yad Vashem honors Scottish Holocaust heroine

A Church of Scotland girls home matron who died in Auschwitz after helping Jewish children during the Holocaust was bonored yesterday by Yad Vashem.

Jane Haining, who died in Auschwitz in 1944 at the age of 47,

was awarded a medal and a place among the "Righteous Among the Nations." The award was presented to her sister, Agnes O'Brien of Londonderry, Northern Ireland, by Israeli Ambassador to Britain Moshe Raviv.

During the ceremony, Raviv paid tribute to Haining's work at the Church of Scotland's mission in Budapest, noting that the award "is in recognition of moral fortitude and physical courage."

AP

German police sweep nets neo-Nazi material

Berlin police confiscated neo-Nazi propaganda and weapons during a sweep yesterday of 17 apartments belonging to people suspected of being members of two extreme-right groups. Authorines had been alerted about the spread of stickers showing Nazi symbols and a skinhead with a swastika. Investigators found the stickers as well as reams of neo-Nazi propaganda,

clubs and a sawed-off shotgun, police said. No charges bad been filed, but the investigation is continuing, police said.

Parents: Education gets low grade

BY ARYEN DEAN CONEN

Parents gave the state of education a relatively low grade, with the role played by the local authorities just barely passing, in a poli conducted recently by a researcher at the Hebrew University's School

The Quality of Education poll conducted by Dr. Gad Yair tested parents' evaluation of the schools in four main areas: the quality of educational service in the local authorities, the quality of educational services at the schools; teachers' performance; and the educational priorities set at the schools. They were asked to rate the service on a scale of 4 to 10, with 10 being the highest. (The margin of error in the "grades" below was plus/minus 0.1.)

The local authorioes got the worst grade, averaging 6.57, or just over satisfactory, with parents particularly unhappy about registration procedures and educational initiatives. The only place where the local authorities got close to a 7 was in the quality of the educa-

The schools themselves and the principals scored a 7.27, but the of the Israeli education system.

level of teaching only registered a

The teachers themselves scored 6.89, leading Yair to comment: Few teachers would be satisfied with pupils who get such grades." Parents felt that the teachers do not serve as good educational role models, are too conservative and demand too little from the pupils. They also do not pay enough attention to social developments within the classroom and fail to give the pupils enough personal attention, according to the poll.

The poll included 182 parents from Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa, Holon, Rishon Lezion, Bat Yam, Petah Tikva, Ramat Gan and Beersheha. Those participating were slightly above average both economically and in terms of level of education. Only secular parents participated, since observant parents did not respond to the poll. While only 20% of those given the poll responded to it, Yair said that the study reflected those parents. who really are concerned about

their children's education. Yair said he hoped the poll would serve as a catalyst for a public discussion of the quality, or lack of it,

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will be denied them, and that the

continuing disagreements between

the finance and health ministers

will be at the expense of the sick." The two ICA officials also

argued that the economic arrange-

ments bill, due to be passed by the

Knesset Finance Committee, will

cause havoc in the health system

more and reducing the basket of

"This is the first time in Israel

that the health system is causing

unnecessary anxiety to cancer

patients fighting for their lives. Cancer patients can't strike, but

they're struggling for survival."

health services.

ACRI returned to the court yesterday to contend

that equality of the sexes was one of the foundations

of Israeli law and that the use of the female gender in

the text of the law should oot be interpreted as refer-

ring only to women, just as nurses are both female

But Uzi Fogelman, head of the High Court division

of the State Attorney's Office, said the subject of male

volunteering is currently being discussed by an inter-ministerial committee, which is expected to present its

Levin asked the ACRI representatives whether they

if, by then, the state does not take satisfactory

would agree to a delay in the proceedings, and it was

agreed that the court would reconvene in four months

women volunteering and oot men.

The soft-spoken Adler may have been the ideal man for this partieular job. After growing up in Flathush, where be attended Midwood High School, he went on to Cornell's School of Industrial and Labor Relations, and then went to law school at

During the early '60s he worked for the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union and the Wholesale and Resale Department Store Workers. A stint in Washiogton and Los Angeles as an attorney for the National Labor Relations Board was no doubt invaluable to this

week's efforts. In 1968, be, Ruth and their eldest son, Jay, now 28, made aliya. They have four other sons: Eitan, 27, Noam, 23, Hanan, 22 and Shmuel, 13.

He first worked in the State Comptroller's Office before becoming an apprentice at the Labor Ministry, where he did research in the Labor Court, the place where he would eventually have his day in the limelight.

He worked as a private attorney for a few years and in 1977 became a judge in the Jerusalem

Regiocal Lahor Court, before joining the oational court in 1986. In between, Adler also found time to head the Jerusalem branch of the Associatioo of Americans and Canadians in Israel.

What's the trick to making opposites attract in a courtroom? The key to it is to understand the problems facing the parties, and what they hope to achieve and what common ground there is between them, and in try to bring them to agreement on the issues where there is a dispute."

He subscribes to a school of negotiacions developed at Harvard University which he says advocates "taking the personal aspect and feelings out of negotiations, and trying to understand each party's position, and find what each has in common, and to see what solution would be the least harmful, and the easiest to agree

on where there are disputes. "I think the other important element is to treat the parties involved with the respect due them, and to try to keep people calm and focused on the issues, and not get off on sidetracks or personal matters which are not really under dispute. It's a very

difficult thing to do." Adler, who is observant, said that he finds a great deal in Jewish

law and ethics in guide his work. "I think that there are certain values that are important for shaping the attitudes of people towards other people, towards helping the weak, the poor and the injured.

"And I think that in the Labor Court, which also has jurisdiction over oational insurance, understanding people's problems is very important, and there is a certain element of that in the Prophets and in the attitude of the Bihle towards less fortunate people."

Adler gets his own inspiranon from people like Supreme Court Justice Aharon Barak, whom be says "most people feel is unusually hrilliant and gifted, and I think he and other judges on the Supreme Court are very impor-

He also named the late Labor Court judge Zvi Bar-Niv as someone from wbom he has learned a

What's the secret to resolving conflicts among five boys? The formula sounds a great deal like what brought Peretz and Neeman

together.
"I think there's a lot of similarity," says Adler, "because the key to it is to try to understand and show them a lot of love and understanding - and to know that they're young boys."

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He said the party convencion did oot send out a strong message to the public – "We wanted in say one thing and instead we stuttered out something else and the end result is zero."

Yossi Beilin, who ran against Barak for the party leadership, came to his defense, saying the fickleness toward Barak is unacceptable. "It's become the latest fashion in ible

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Labor to attack him. People who only yesterday carried his picture and said, 'Only he can win' and 'He is perfect,' today are prepared to criticize him on everything, Beilin said. Ori Orr said: "I doo't get excited

by it. These are the same people who criticized Shimon Peres and before him Yitzhak Rabin."

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The Treasury and Histadrut also agreed to start negotiating a renewal of wage agreements in the civil service. The talks are expected to begin today. The Treasury

tor Yossi Kucik, with the Histadrut represented by the chairman of the trade union section, Shlomo Shani, "In another 10 to 14 days I very much hope we'll sign on this," Kucik said yesterday. "It will be good for the government and good for the workers."

will be represented by wage direc-

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Turkey rejects Israel's appointee as ambassador because of his alleged remarks about the Armenian issue a dozen years ago. Turkisb President Suleiman Demirel criocizes Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's stand on the peace process.

It would seem only two occur-

rences could undermine the alliance. One would be if an ano-Israel government arises in Ankara. Yet this has already happened. The Islamic fundamentalist regime of Prime Minister Necmettin Erbakan - himself a real antisemite - was powerless to subvert the nes, since they are so valued by the armed forces. The other - unlikely - option is if Arab states try to exact 100 high a price for Turkey's friendship with Israel.

Column One

Fran first, Islam second."
President Mobammad Khatami made this his election-winning slogan, and by the end of this week, it's going to look pretty hollow. Come to think of it, so will the alleged Middle East peace process.

Iran is hosting one of the most influential world Islamic conferences the region has seen for some time; one which may shift the entire political center of gravity in the Middle East.

The conference will fire three political salvos into enemy territory - one into US policy, one into the New Middle East of the Shimon Peres peacenik camp and one into the lap of Iran's own president and his suspiciously modern

Our diplomatic sources give an increasingly clear impression of growing American frustration as its regional policy crumbles. What is not so clear is what Washington intends to do about it. Will it throw in the towel in despair and leave any initiatives in this wretched region to the next administration?

Yesterday, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright set off on her first tour of Africa, trawling for friends and influence among a new generation of African leaders - fresh woods, and pastures new.

Bad vintage
Betweeo the obstructive Netanyahu government in Israel, the obstructive Arabs wbo deserted the ano-Saddam coalition (handing Russia a diplomatic coup) and the disastrous Qatar economic conference, there is not much of American construction left standing in the Middle East, It has not been a vintage

Behind the sceoes, while the recent Iraq charade was playing itself out, Iranian diplomats were beavering around the Gulf, mending fences with their oncesuspicious Arab oeigbbors. They were considerably more successful than the American diplomats armed with Band Aids who were trying to patch up the old Gulf War coalition and the old Rabin-Peres-Arafat peace front.

The message from Teheran will be clear. Islamic politics is back as a force to be reckoned with, and Iran is its leader.

It is a message that might make some of the more secular Moslem states attending uneasy. But most leaders will be caught up in the spirit of the moment - and that irit says Satan is in retreat. Oil, like blood, is thicker than water, and Western influence has become distinctly watery.

Today, tomorrow Thursday, three kings and 27 presideots will grace the biggest ever foreign gathering in Teheran since the 1979 revolution. The contrast with the feeble turnout in Doha, Qatar, last month will be noted - even Saudi Arabia and Egypt could oot bring themselves to attend that funeral party for the New Middle East.

Wimp factors

Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah and Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa are expected to be in Teheran. Even Iraqi vice-president Taha Yassin Ramadan will be there - the highest-level visitor since the Iran-Iraq War. The US looks more and more

isolated with its Iran boycott, especially since the European Union has adopted a more pragmatic approach. Former US secre-

tary of state Henry Kissinger recently that if Iran was an important power in the Gulf strategic equation during the rule of the Shah, surely it is no less important

today. Kissinger did add, however, that Iran has made not one conciliatory gesture toward Washington since the revolution. Despite other critical mutterings from advisers to the State Department, there is little sign of any change toward Iran. A shadow of the embassy hostage crisis and the Jimmy Carter wimp factor still hang heavy over the White House when Iran is on the agenda.

Much hope for a new beginning - most of it wishful thinking - has been pinned on President Khatami, since his surprising 69 percent rout of a conservative opponent in the May election. "He's not moderate, he's mod-

em," grumbled Kissinger. Whatever he is, he isn't in charge. The mullahs are. In the real-power hierarchy, Khatami is probably no higher than a lame No. 3. Governments come and go, but our principles remain intact," responded Ayatollah Ali Khamenei to Khatami's "Iran first."

(The good-cop bad-cop routine is not unknown among clerics of the leading religions. It should not be forgotten that Khatami is a cleric as well as a president.)

Dune policy Nothing spelled out the mes-sage more bluntly than an editor-ial in the daily Iran News after Khatami's election: "A nightmare awaits those foreign countries that assume the victory of President Khatami was a curtainraising ceremony for resuming ties with Iran in order to domioate and usurp its wealth, as they

did under the Shah's rulc." The Economist recently commented, "[In Iran] almost every organization has a shadow, and the shadow is often the weightier of the two."

Nonetheless, European policy toward Iran seems more suited to the times, while American policy, as with Cuba, seems to be run by some ostrich in the sand

The plain fact is that for all its overt hostility to Washington and Israel, Iranian foreign policy on the ground is not geared now to exporting revolution. In fact, its focus looks pretty much like everyone else's: national interests and economic development. That may be why all the Arab states are trooping off to Iran's party in Teheran after giving Goofy's party in Qatar a wide berth.

The United States and Israel have long accused Iran of sponsoring terrorism and of actively pursuing ouclear arms, long-range

Iran seizes the day Teheran's diplomatic comeback

Iran's hosting of this week's pan-Islamic summit symbolizes its regional comeback

By JOHN DANISZEWSKI

TEHRAN, Iran - Iran is rolling out the carpet - a \$1 million Persian, naturally this week to welcome leaders of more than 50 Islamic nations to a summit that epitomizes both Tehran's expanding role on the world stage and the failure of US efforts to

isolate the country.

The Eighth Islamic Summit, the higgest international gatheriog ever held in Iran, shows just how far this country, ruled by revolutionary turbaned clerics, has come in repairing links with many US friends in the region. Princes and emirs, sheiks and sultans, ministers and rulers are rubbing elbows at this week's summit, including senior officials of Egypt, Jordan and every other Arab country considered a member of the region's pro-American bloc.

About 30 beads of state and thousands of lesser officials are expected. The three-day meeting will be the international comingout party for Iran's new president, Mohammad Khatami, who has said the conference demonstrates "the power and stabil-ity of Iran." One foreign diplomat said: Now the Iranians can say to the Americans and to the West 'Here we are. You wanted us isolated, but we are not isolated."

In May, Khatami, a moderate cleric, rolled to a stunning 2-1 election victory over his conservative opponent. Khatami's conciliatory moves to neighbors in the region since then have greased the way for a successful turnout.

Iran's Arab neighbors have historically distrusted non-Arab Iran, and wheo the fiery Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini threatened to export his 1979 popular revolution, Arab Gulf rulers understood that their heads were meant to be the first to roll.

From Lebanon to Egypt to Algeria, Iran has been accused of fomenting and financing Islamic unrest against conservative regimes for oearly two decades. Only last year, Saudi officials privately identified Iran as the chief suspect in a truck bombing that killed 19 US military personnel in the city of Dhahran.

But recently Iran bas been trying to show a more benign face to its immediate neighbors, even while it still regularly blasts the United States as "the Great Arrogance" and remaios firmly opposed to accepting Israel's place in the Middle East.

Arab leaders at the meeting want to see if

Khatami has the oomph to carry out his moderate promises in the face of resistance from Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, and a parliament dominated by the conservative candidate whom Khatami vanquished, Speaker Ali Akbar Nateq-Nuri.

As presideot, Khatami ranks only second or third in the country's hierarchy of leaders, but his 20 million voters are a powerful potential engine for change. The conference takes place at a time of

considerable ferment in Iran. The passions just beceath the surface flared last month when thousands of young Iranians danced exuberantly in the streets, openly defying religious strictures, to celebrate Iran's surprise success at securing a berth to soccer's 1998 World Cup.

A week earlier, one of the country's senior sages had allowed his followers to circulate his doubts about Khamenei's qualifications and style of leadership, setting off rioting in the seminary city of Qom.

One major question at this week's conference is whether Iran will tone down its harsh anti-American and anti-Israeli rhetoric and accommodate moderate Arab countries in order to achieve Islamic unity on a host of resolutions facing the participants.

"I certainly bope so," said one Saudi delegate who asked not to be ideotified. "I hope that Iranians will take this chance to modify their understanding of the world and live as part of it."



A woman delivers information to delegates at a preparatory meeting for the Eighth Islamic Summit in Iran. The summit underscores bow far the country, ruled by revolutionary turbaned clerics, has come in repairing links with regional IS allies. ... (AP)

missiles and other weapons of mass destruction. Since 1995, Iran has been under a US trade embargo, but the Clinton administration has singularly failed to win support from its European partners to join the United States in imposing sanctions.

Any delegate who cares to stray from the lavish new conference hall to the boutiques and shops of downtown Tehran will find them filled with American consumer goods. And there will be no absence of countries frieodly to the United States at the summit. Crown Prince Abdullah, heir to the Saudi

throne, beads the "A list" of dignitaries. Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak - who bas frequently hinted that Iran is behind the Islamic militants who bave wreaked havoc in Egypt - will be a oo-show, but his foreign mioister, Amr Moussa, leads Egypt's delegation.

In addition to members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, a grouping of states with large Moslem populations that was founded in 1969, various Islamic movements, such as the Palestinian extremist group Hamas, are sending observers. Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan is also expected in Tehran, and UN Secretary-... General Kofi Annan is lending his stature to the meeting.

The summit's expected heavy tumout stands in embarrassing contrast to Washington's inability to drum up attendance by Arab leaders at a US-sponsored Middle East economic conference - also attended by Israel - in Qatar last month. That summit foundered over Arab anger at the breakdown in the Middle East peace process under Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyaho and resentment at the perceived unwillingness of the United, States to do much about it.

Officials and delegates here have strived to play down comparisons between the two. meetings and are denying that participation is meant as a snub to the United States. This conference has oot been convened to send a message to anyone. It was convened to bring about closer ties among Islamic countries," said Mohammed Javad Zarif,

Iran's deputy foreign aring But while Khatami and his appointees stress a soothing message, there has been a triumphant tone ahead of the meeting in conservative newspapers, and billboards erected at several key intersections near the conference hall which display the stem faces of Khomeini and Khamenei and declare in English, "Islam humiliates and downgrades the superpowers."

Iran has spent a reported \$80 million to host the event. The conference center, an enormous stainless-steel domed structure. was crected in a mind-boggling five months by a feverish anthill of 8,000 workers. Over the weekend, laborers were still finishing up the landscaping and had unrolled a one-ton, cream-colored Persian carpet in the entrance hall that is the size of half a football field.

The Organization of the Islamic Conference organizes a summit every three years, making this year's Tehran meeting only the eighth since 1969.

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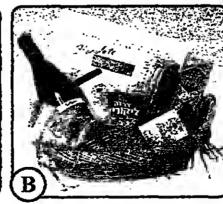
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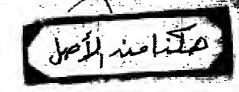
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Gore tries to jump-start climate summit

KYOTO (Reuters) - US Vice President Al Gore said yesterday his visit to a stalled global warming conference had set off momentum towards an agreement on cutting greenhouse gas emissions.

Playing down suggestions that his visit was in danger of turning sour because he offered only "negotiating flexibility" rather than new proposals, Gore said critics missed his key point that the flexibility extended to all

"There's no doubt in my mind that there has been momentum in the talks loday and I think that most of the parties here will say that as well," Gore said. "In due time you will see exactly what it [flexibility] means," he said.

Asked if changes in the US position on the size of emission cut targets were included in the new "negotiation flexibility" he announced earlier in the day, Gore replied: "Well, of course. In our stated position as I repeated this morning, we have already committed to go below stabilization at 1990 levels in the year following

"And as I said in a much broader gauge, of a review of the over-all treaty with all its provisions, our negotiators have new flexibili-

The issues of the size of greenhouse gas curbs, with the US proposal simply aiming to stabilize emissions at 1990 levels, and a commitment by developing nations have become two key subjects standing in the way of an

The European Union has proposed that emissions be cut by 15 percent from 1990 levels by 2010, although on Sunday evening British Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott suggested that the EU may agree to cuts of less than

"I will tell you that there has been some movement by some developing countries and I hope that that movement will translate into meaningful participation, but we'll have to wait and see," Gore

Gore swept into the conference on a rushed 19-hour visit to deliver a speech that was long on rhetoric but short on details as to any concrete US switch in climate

Gore's visit, which began in predawn cold and rain at Osaka airport, marked the start of head-tohead bargaining between some 160 countries intent ou binding the world's rich nations to cuts in emissions of greenhouse gases.

Observers of the 10-day conference bickered over the significance of what White House aides termed a "key, late addition" to the speech Gore delivered during the morning.

Gore said that after last-minute

discussions with President Bill Clinton, the United States was ready to ease its formerly intransigent stance to get an agreement.

"I am instructing our delegation right now to show increased negotiating flexibility if a comprehensive plan can be put in place, with realistic targets and timetables, market mechanisms and the meaningful participation of key developing countries," he said.

Asked what be thought would be acceptable as meaningful participation, Gore replied, "Well, we'll know it when we see it."

Gore said he and Clinton were telephoning prime ministers and presideots around the world to explain and get their support for

Asked why his visit to Kyoto was so short, Gore said he felt his on-the-spot job had been done by getting momentum back into the

"I can [now] best influence the chances of success by staying on the telephone to the presidents and prime ministers who are issuing the instructions to their delega-tions [in Kyoto]," he said.

Referring to the political fight that could lie ahead if the Clinton administration agreed to a deal opposed by congress, Gore said, "I think it would be a real 'knockout, drag out' debate that would be really good for the country. I think it would be high stakes and a lot of



An unidentified delegate walks past a huge banner at the entrance to the Kyoto International Convention Hall yesterday.

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German general suspended over neo-Nazi talk

By TONY CZUCZKA

BONN (AP) - An army general who beaded the German military's. leadership academy when it invited a neo-Nazi to give a lecture has been suspended from duty, the defense minister said vesterday.

In the attempt to defuse the German military's latest embarrassment, Defense Minister Volker Ruehe also said the colonel who invited Manfred Roeder for the Jan. 24, 1995 lecture also is being disciplined

Chancellor Helmut Kohl dismissed calls by opposition politicians to fire Ruche, saying he had

full trust in the defense minister. A defense ministry spokesman said an investigation had revealed a large circle of officers at the Hamburg-based academy knew of Roeder's background as a convicted neo-Nazi and former lawyer.

Ruche said "the evidence so far indicates the invitation was not based on sympathy for this rightist radical at the leadership academy." Rather, he suggested at a news conference, Col. Norbert Schwarzer acted in ignorance when he invited Roeder.

But Ruche said he could not explain why 25 to 30 staff members who heard the lecture about the forced resettlement of ethnic Germans in the former Soviet Union didn't report to superiors that the speaker was a known oco-

Ruehe said he had been unaware of the speech.

"I condemn the speech ... in the most severe terms possible," he said, adding that the academy's reputation had been damaged. He said Schwarzer will be

recalled from duty in Albania, where he is on a mission to train local troops. The former head of the academy, Lt. Gen. Hartmut Olboeter, is being suspended as and income the military's chief of personnel at eigners.

his own request pending the

Earlier, Ruehe declared "it is unacceptable... that a person like Roeder was permitted to give a speech at the academy." The latest scandal linking extreme rightists to the military was revealed Saturday by Der Spiegel magazine.

Roeder was released from prison in 1990 after serving eight years of a 13-year sentence for arson attacks in 1980 in which two Vietnamese immigrants died. He was previously convicted in 1978 of distributing neo-Nazi literature and inciting harred against for-

Pro-Karadzic party rejects Bosnian-Serb election results

By RADUL RADOVANOVIC

Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) - A top aide to former Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic claimed election fraud yesterday, saying his party would ool accept results that denied the party a majority in the Bosnian Serb parliament.

Preliminary results of the November 22-23 balloting were released Sunday and showed the pro-Karadzic party losing control of parliament. The balloting appeared to leave oo clear winner in the power struggle between Karadzic, who is under indictment

for war crimes, and his rival, Bosnian Serb President Biljana Playsic. pro-Karadzic Serb Democratic Party won 24 seats, and the Serb nationalist Radicals potential allies - 15, which left them short of a majority in the 83-

seat parliament. Playsic's newly formed party won 15 seats. A coalition dominated by Muslims and representing refugees tonk 16 seats, and another minor party from the federacion, two seats.

Socialists won nine seats and a minor party won two, but it wasn't clear where either would line up in

any coalition-building. We are shocked by the

announced results," Karadzic's aide, Momcilo Krajisnik, said. "There has been an obvious theft. The assembly cannot convene based oo rigged electioo results." Krajisnik, the Serb member of Bosnia's joint presidency, said the Serb Democratic Party - founded and still run by Karadzic - would lodge a formal complaint asking that the results be invalidated.

Johan Verheyden, spokesman for the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe said of vote-rigging: "That is something we can definitively deny." The OSCE has supervised all elections in Bosnia since the war eoded in

In a further indication that Karadzic and his allies will resist Western efforts to reunite Bosnia, Krajisnik also said the Bosnian Serbs would block efforts to extend Western mandates to oversee Bosnian affairs. Those efforts will come this

week at an international conference in Bonn, one of two convened each year to review progress in implementing the

Dayton peace accords. Under the agreement, the OSCE is to end its activities in the coun-

try oext year. The OSCE is seeking to extend the mandate, however, since progress in forging a peaceful and united Bosnia is lagging far behind

the original Dayton timetable. Krajisnik's delegation, which believes the OSCE rigged last month's election, wants the group out of Bosnia.

Also, Krajisnik said he would oppose any broadening of the mandate for the most senior international mediator in Bosnia, known as the High Representative.

"The Bonn conference is crucial for the future of Bosnia," Krajisnik said. "If they try to impose solutions on us - solutions which are outside the Dayton agreement - there will be no Bosnia, Bosnia has no future if solutions are imposed."

Krajisnik, who controls the eastand Playsic, who controls the western, both will attend the international conference in Bonn this week. Krajisnik said the Bosnian Serb president was welcome to attend in her own right, but made it clear he believes be represents the Serb side at the

Germany charges Serb with murdering Bosnian Moslem

KARLSRUHE, Gennany (AP) - Federal prosecutors filed charges yesterday against a 57year-old Serb man they accuse of executing a Muslim on a garbage heap during the Bosnian war. The defendant, who prosecutors

would identify only as Maksim S., also is accused of abusing a Muslim woman, having her raped by colleagues and ordering her shot in the leg.

He has been charged with murder, rape, assault, kidnapping and being an accessory to genocide. prosecutors in Karslruhe said.

Maksim S., who was arrested a year ago in Germany, is alleged to have been a member of a paramilitary group that carried out genocidal policies of wartime Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic. The group terrorized Muslims through rape, assault and killings to oust them from areas of Bosnia that the Serbs claimed, prosecu-

tors said. Maksim S., who lived in Germany since 1969 but was in Bosnia during the war, is the fourth Serb arrested in Germany on war crimes charges.

Yugoslavia in The Hague, Netherlands, took over the case of one them, Dusan Tadic. But it asked Germany to handle the other three cases.

German courts already have con-victed the other two defendants.

Prosecutors said Maksim S. and fellow Serbs drove Muslims from the Kalesija region of Bosnia with clubs in May 1992. The defendant is accused of pulling a man from a bus load of departing Muslims, taking him to a garbage heap and shooting him to death.

US launches new hearings on TWA crash

Human-rights campaigner Harry Wu receives a standing ovation following his address during the University of South Alabam

By PAT MILTON

BALTIMORE (AP) -- The captain's steering column was broken. His seat was tangled in the wires of the cockpit. And his life vest was untouched in its pouch. Details like these were everywhere in newly released reports on the TWA Flight 800 explosion, but still no cause was cited.

The spark that ignited the center fuel tank of the jumbo jet just minutes after it left Kennedy International Airport for Paris remains as clusive as ever, nearly 17 months after the July 1996 dis-

Beginning today, the National Transportation Safety Board takes its turn to show the world the fruits of the largest aviation accident investigation in history. The FBI bowed out two weeks ago after finding no evidence that a bomb or a missile downed the

Boeing 747. Chairman James Hall was scheduled to open five days of bearings aimed at gathering even more information than was conrained in the thousands of pages of reports made public on Sunday. The NTSB released the docu-

ments to some of the more than 500 journalists given credentials to cover the testimony and distributed the reports on a CD-ROM and over its Internet site.

graduation commencement in Mobile, Alabama. Wu spent 19 years as a political prisoner in China.

(http://www.ntsb.gov)
Peter Goelz, a NTSB spokesman, said the investigation already has armed the government with information to make the skies safer.

For instance, simulated flight tests a year after the disaster that killed all 230 people on board have shown that the vapors in the nearly empty center fuel tank were likely ready to explode even before the plane left the ground.

Sophisticated tests on a plane subjected to oearly exactly the same conditions as TWA Flight 800 showed that the temperatures inside the tank would have been well over 38° C before the plane left the runway.

Tests done after the disaster show that portions of air-conditioning units located less than a foot from the bottom of the fuel tank reached a temperature of over 200° C, according to the documents released Sunday.

The documents and the hearings may help the NTSB pressure the Federal Aviation Administration to adopt potentially costly recommendations to reduce temperatures in fuel tanks so they cannot nal aspect. This has put an enor-

During the July simulation, the agency found that temperatures in a nearly empty center fuel tank were as high as 62.8° C before the flight took off, following the exact route as Flight 800,

As it climbed in the cooler sky. the temperatures in the tank gradually declined but remained well above 38° C.

"This is the big issue," Goelz said. He predicted that two days of the hearings would concentrate on the volatility of vapors and fuel in

Goelz said the NTSB was encouraged in the past week when the FAA agreed to take a closer look at recommendations made by the NTSB a year ago to reduce the volatility of vapors. The FAA has insisted that the problem can be resolved by eliminating any ignition source near the tank.

"Our most important product in the end is our safety recommendations," Goelz said. "Our job is to make recommendations so that these accidents don't happen

"There has been extraordinary

attention on this investigation,

mous amount of pressure oo this agency," Goelz said. investigators also found wires with insulation worn away in bun-

made more complex by the crimi-

dles of wiring leading through the plane's center fuel tank. In some sections of the kilometers of wiring retrieved from the ocean, investigators found the insulation was corroded or cracked to the core, the documents

One of the theories investigators are focusing on is that the catastrophic explosion in the plane's center fuel tank may have been sparked by a surge of high voltage electricity, which was transferred into the the tank through damaged low voltage wiring to the tank's

fuel measuring rods. The measuring rods - which allow the pilot know the amount of fuel in the tank - carry a minuscule amount of electricity, incapable of igniting vapors on its

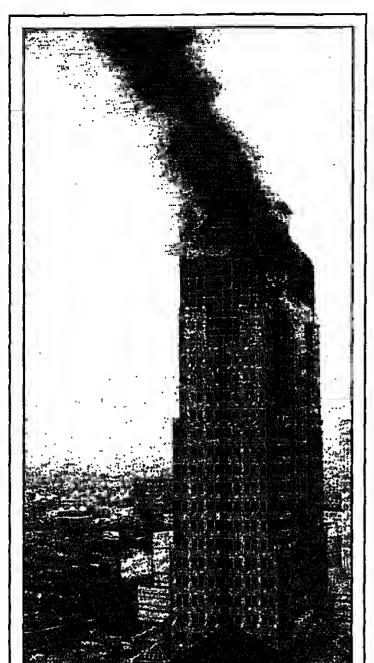
The FBI investigated the possibility that a bomb or a missile brought down the plane until two weeks ago, when it suspended its probe after finding oo evidence to support a criminal theory.

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Russian TV – Oprah style

A free-wheeling talk show about sex pulls down the 'last barrier' in the former Soviet Union

By DANIEL WILLIAMS

MOSCOW - Early hints of Russia's sexual revolution first surfaced perhaps in the late 1970s, when a Soviet publication noted an increase in premarital sex among young people. Publication of such data must mean a sudden epidemic nf raging Soviet harmones, fareign reports at the time conjectured.

Then came the 1980s, glasnost's openness and the appearance of skin magazines, mnvies that showed naked people, calls for sex education, contraceptives and worries about AIDS.

Now the '90s, and long kisses on the Muscow riverfront, short liaisons in Moscow bushes: impromptu stripping in bars, allmale gay underwater ballets and, finally, the indicatinn that Russia's sexual revolutinn is crossing the ultimate threshold: talk, Talk, talk, talk. Every week on TV.

The venue for this breakthrough is a shnw called "About That," where fnr 40 minutes each Saturday night Russians discuss the once-undiscussable. Such as the secrets of what men and women like, May-December romances, homosexuality, virginity, masturbation, cross-dressing, wbips - you name it. Such subjects are staples of American televised blab-a-thous, but Russians have never been noted for discussing their sex lives, much less for broadcasting their tastes to millions of viewers, not to mention their mothers.

"The last barrier is coming down," said Yelena Khanga, the show's host, "This is the culmination." The show is broadcast nn NTV, a network nwned by a prominent banker and media

magnate, Vladimir Gusinsky. NTV is the king of late-night titillation: Among its innovations is an amateur strip show called "Realm of the Senses" in which a man and woman compete in wacky stunts and the loser has to take off articles of clothing. Sometimes, they never get beyond shoes. The prize is computer equipment.

Besides the quest for ratings, producers of "About That" claim to have a social mission. "It's time to talk about it, because the sexual revolution is fast-moving," said Bolat Akunov, one of the show's producers.

Guests write or phone in about their problems or exploits and then get invited to the show by category. Their tales range from the commonplace to the bizarre. Women dream of tall, dark and handsome men on beaches in Spain; men, of tall, dark and beautiful women on beaches in Spain. A gay man wants to sleep with Brad Pitt and Tom Cruise. A soldier wants to make love to a woman while parachuting. ("I think the feelings would be very sharp - will the paracbute open or not?") Sex experts give on-air advice.

A few touches are peculiar to Russia. Perhaps only in Moscow can someone have a fetish for the leather seats on its subway trains. Fantasizing about literature teachers is a big thing.

The show has received some adverse reviews. Critics complain of a circus atmosphere and too much giggling. "The tone of this show is all wrong," wrote a reviewer in Obshaya Gazeta. "Such a show, launched by ethically mature and professionally impeccable people, could be very timely. But those who make 'About That' are neither.'

Traditional reserve about discussing sex is commonly attribnted to the years of official Soviet puritanism. In the early years of Communist rule, the Bolsheviks cultivated an image of sexual freedom to contrastto bourgeois propriety; an early Soviet ambassador to Sweden compared sex to drinking water both were necessary biological functions. But such casualness quickly gave way to Stalinist

rigidity. Licentiousness was branded as a symptom of Western deca-

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dence. The Great Soviet Encyclopedia wrote: "In this area, as in others, self-control is the essential component in the free expression of an individual." Soviet repression is far from the only factor in the strict Russian attitudes toward sex. Orthodox Christianity, like many other branches of Christendom, preached that sex sapped the spirit. In the mind of Leo Tolstoy, sex for pleasure was a goal "unworthy of man." Among some of the 19th-century intelligentsia, loose sexual talk was a sign of flabby morals.

In reaction to this 19th-century moralism, the early 20th century saw an explosion of sexual literature, in a period when censor-ship was lifted before the Bolshevik takeover. It is hard not to see parallels with the current rush of sexual freedom after the collapse of Communism. In any case, there is wide

agreement that in the new Russia,

promiscuity has been on the rise.

"The important thing here is that people's ideas about sex.

techniques, contraceptives and about feelings associated with sex have expanded," said Anna; Varga, a psychotherapist at the Moscow Center for Mental Health. "Different generations started talking about sex. A mother can now discuss these issues with her daughter, which in former times was impossible." That is not to say the revulntion has been without its casualties. Venereal disease has become

rampant; there are 285 cases of syphilis per 100,000 people in Russia, a rate 40 times that of 1990 and about 100 times that in Western Europe. Physicians in Britain warned recently that an epidemic of syphilis in Russia is spreading into Europe.

AIDS is on the rise, too, although this has as much to do with the injection of illegal drugs as with unrestrained sex. The number of officially registered HIV cases in 1996 was 50 percent more than in the previous 10 years combined, with 60 percent of them said to be the result of drug users sharing needles.

In recognition of the disease problem, "About That" host Khanga frequently preaches safe

The name of the show refers to the way Russians sometimes refer to sex - simply as "that." In 1987, authors of a sex manual asked potential readers to nominate a title. They told the readers to put the words "About That" on the envelope when sending in their suggestions.

Khanga's background is remarkably exotic. Her father

was Tanzanian and her mother the offspring of Americans who emigrated to Stalinist Russia in the 1930s. Her American grandmother was Jewisb, her American grandfather black. In the 1980s, Khanga traced these wide-ranging roots in a book called Soul to Soul. After growing up in Russia, she worked as a journalist for the Moscow News in the 1980s and did some work for NTV, including commentary for the 1996 Atlanta Olympics. She lives in New York, where she does stand up Russian comedy. and flies to Russia every two months to tape episodes of "About That." Khanga, who gives her age only as thirtysomething, professes shyness on the subject of sex. "In my family, we were supposed to talk about educated things, about literature. We didn't talk about sex," she

She had some difficulty dealing with the insistence of the producers that she wear a blond wig on the show. "They think it looks classy. I hate it," she said. "On the other hand, when I wear it, it's like I'm someone else, which helps when I have to talk about

Even producer Akunov, 32, said he would be reluctant to appear on his own program. "I think younger people are more likely." he said.

"I never talk about these things." (The Washington Post)

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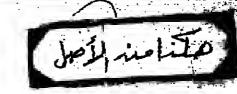
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Enockin' on Dylan's door

ashingto power elite joined is tribute on Sunday Bob Dylan, Charlton Heston uren Bacall, opera soprano JesiNorman, and dancer Edward tella at the Kennedy Center Ibrs.

President Bill (ton, Federal Reserve Board irman Alan Greenspan and House (of Representatives) eaker Newt Gingrich were ang those who celebrated the filartists in a black-tie affair.

The longest sting ovation went to Dylan, thest influential pop musician of era. Dylan appeared uncomfole accepting the applause.

Actor Gregoryick, a 1991 Kennedy Center bree, told the andience that in lan's songs, "we hear the oes of old American voi." Bruce Springsteen san The Times, They Are A' Chin" one of Dylan's best-kno songs from the 1960s. Shirt Caesar performed an electring version of Dylan's "You otta. Serve Somebody" that d Greenspan and Gingrich sting in their

The 1997 set of medy Center Honorees reflected diversity of American artistic ression, with the 21-member curive board showing its custory bias toward the silver screen.

Bacall is best kyn for her sultry looks and solering glances in such movies To Have and Have Not in wh she made her film debut in 19at age 19. She married her co-strom that film and for 11 yearsntil his death, Bacall and een legend Humphrey Bog were one of Hollywood's m famous and

romantic couples commanding Heston used features and pence to great

affect in films such as Ben Hur, for which he won an Academy

For many people, Heston's face is the face of Moses, whom he portrayed in Cecil B. DeMille's biblical epic The Ten Commandments in 1956. Heston is well known in recent years as a defender of gun rights for the National Rifle Association.

Norman, raised in poverty in Augusta, Georgia, was praised by actor Sidney Poitier, a 1995 Kennedy Center Honoree.

"All's I know is if God is a woman, then Jessye is her voice," he said. Despite her bumble origins, Norman impressed music professors enough at Howard University in Washington to give her a four-year scholarship. In 1968, one year after graduation, she won the Munich International

Music Competition.

After establishing her name in Europe, Norman made her debut at the Metropolitan Opera in New York in 1983, where she has remained a star performer.

Villella, who as a scrappy Italian-American kid growing up in New York had to withstand the ribbing of his peers, became the premier male star of New York City Ballet in the 1960s.

Actress Joanne Woodward, a 1992 Kennedy Center Honorec, said that even as a child, Villella's talent was evident, and he became known "as the boy who could fly."
Working under the direction of
dance master George Balanchine,
an 1978 Kennedy Center honoree, Villella was an energetic and very physical dancer. But in 1975, a hip injury forced Villella into retirement and a new role as teacher and

In 1986 he leaped at the chance to form the Miami City Ballet, which in a short time has become one of the leading dance companies in America.



Clockwise from top left: Rocker Bob Dylan, actress Lauren Bacall, dancer Edward Villela, actor Charlton Heston and singer Jessye Norman - all honored for contributions to American culture

James Bond: A license to sell

By RICHARD LORANT

ames Bond is everywhere in the US. There's 007 out-Jumning bad guys on his BMW motorcycle, sipping a vodka martini (shaken, not stirred), making a call on his Ericsson cell phone.

What about his new movie? Products that bave cameo roles in Tomorrow Never Dies are being heavily advertised in an all-out license to self.

The strategy seems to reach new extremes with the Bond movie. Agreements with eight promotional partners got the film \$100 million worth of publicity before MGM bad spent a dime on marketing. The manufacturers are happy

because they get to turn the suave, debonair man of intrigue into a human billboard, making it hard to tell where the advertising ends and the movie bype begins.

Explained MGM executive

vice-president Karen Sortito, You need to put products in movies to make them realistic. Why shouldn't we get some-thing out of it? This is a guy who's been picking up gadgets and getting into cool cars for decades. Do they really want us to scratch out the logos?"

Indeed, placing products in Hollywood movies has evolved into a fine art since 1982, when an unpaid appearance by Reese's Pieces in E.T. was followed by an increase in sales of the candy.

Getting companies to pay for shots featuring their products helps studios defray marketing costs, which have skyrocketed to between \$15m, and \$50m, a

"Everyone in the business is trying to figure out how to leverage their marketing budgets because it's becoming so expensive," said Al Lieberman, director of NYU's entertain-

ment and media program. Tomorrow Never Dies could use some leverage. It cost \$100m. to produce and is being released in Israel and elsewhere on December 19.

In addition to BMW Ericsson and Omega, MGM has approved Bond ad cam-Smirnoff, Heineken, Avis, Visa, and L'Oreal.

"James Bond uses his Ericsson for all his close calls, reads the kicker on one fullpage newspaper ad that shows a movie still of Pierce Brosnan on a cellular phone. In a Smirnoff ad, twists of lemon floating in a vodka martini spell out "007."

On TV, the familiar Bond guitar riff plays over a chase scene from the movie as an announcer warns viewers not to try the stunt at nome. The product: the BMW Cruiser motorcycle Bond is riding. BMW returned to the Bond franchise after successfully using the previous Bond film, Goldeneye, to help launch its Z3 Roadster. "About 10,000 pre-orders were attributable to the film," said Jack Pitney, a company spokesman.

Like other partners, BMW did not pay the studio a placement fee but agreed to promote the movie in its ads. In all, MGM got \$48m. worth of movie promotions in the US and \$52m, overseas before launching its own multimil-lion-dollar "direct" campaign.

Maudlin odes to Princess Diana





Talk aboa downer. Anyone who liss to this star-studded tute to Diana, Princess of les, better have their hankies trby.

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something like ar friend Elton John's "Croccie Rock" over these maudlin lither Teresa odes to he legacy, at this compilation, the process from which benefit the Dha Princess of

Some of the selections are nobrainers - Eric Clapton milking
"Tears in Heaven" for yet another
victim, and Queen's "Who Wants to Live Forever?" Then there are songs that don't make an immediconnection. Bruce

Philadelphia" is included because of Diana's work with AIDS patients; get it? And Barbra Streisand's "Theme from A Star is is included, well, because Barbra is sort of like royalty. Ethereal strings dominate nearly

every track, as if the angel Diana is looming overhead smiling down on the proceedings. There are some moving moments in spite of the forced pathos: Pani McCartney's "Little Willow," Neil Finn's (Crowded House) solo acoustic "Don't Dream, It's Over" and the Pretenders' Hymn to Her" which sounds like it was especially made to order for the

Diana groupies will eat this up and come back for seconds. Let's hope the health funds have a plentiful supply of powerful antidepressants at hand.

A MORE natural antidote to the Diana blues can be found in the grooves of Lounge-a-palooza, a tongue-firmly-in-cheek celebra-

tion of lounge music. The liner notes explain that the concept "takes lounge music to its illogical conclusions," and the crazed compilers achieve this by teaming up alternative faves with soft-pop standards like Burt



What would Diana think of this depressing disc?

with You" and Mel Torme's "Zaz Turned Blue." Or they turn the sitnation on end with lounge lizards putting their touches on modern rock. The results range from amusing to hilarious.

The all-time lounge song "The Girl From Ipanema" is mutated into a Japanese big-band song; soul singer Jimmy Scott and Flea from Red Hot Chili Peppers slow down the Captain and Tennile hit "Love Will Keep Us Together" into a smoldering jazz cocktail. But it all pales in comparison to

the deranged genius of teaming up lounge pros Steve Lawrence and Gorme with Soundgarden sonic classic "Black Hole Sun." Hearing Lawrence croon behind perfect orchestra backup lines like "Boiling heat, summer stench, / 'neath the black, the sky lonks dead" goes way beyond tongue-in-cheek and breaks clear through to the frontal

It's time to dust off the old leisure suits and fix some martinis. Make mine dry, shaken not snined.

THE SUMMER'S poblically correct cause among the rock elite was Tibet. No less than the Beastie Boys organized an alterna-starstudded series of concerts in New York and California to benefit the Milarepa Fund, which promotes awareness of the Tibetan Rights Movement. The acts featured on the three-disc Tibetan Freedom Concert represent the cream of Nineties rockers, and the highlights are many.

If you admit to jumping over Ravi Shankar on The Bangladesh, then you'll have no problem skipping the monks' opening and closing prayers on each disc and get straight to the rock 'n' roll.

And you won't be disappointed with a gorgeous "Fake Plastic Trees" by Radiobead, a cataclysmic guitar workout by Sonic Youth on "Wildflower" and a solo Noel Gailagher version of "Cast No Shadow" that is more powerful than most of the bands represent-

Other bighlights include the chance to hear members of Pearl Jam and R.E.M. perform strippeddown acoustic numbers, although the Michael Stipe-Mike Mills "Electrolyte" could have done without the tacky drum machine. But the project's ultimate

accomplishment is to demonstrate bow encompassing rock is in the late 1990s. Without a center anymore, we have a situation where acts as diverse as Blur, Bjork and Beastie Boys can share a stage and an audience. It's a little like Woodstock without the mud.

A poet's requiem courage as she does throughout



leven years after her premature death from cancer Yona Wallach is still regarded as the most daring and defiant of contemporary Hebrew poets. But her influence does not end there. For the over-40s generation as much as the under-30s, she has never died. As a spiritual catalyst and fighting factor she lives on in them, in body as well as mind. The fact that her wild, uninhibit-

> YONA YONA Written and directed by Hagit Rakavi Nikolaivsky Habimah's Bimartef Theater

ed lifestyle was a realization of everything that she in her writings professed, makes for explosive

stage material. The play, a mosaic of the most turbulent emotional moments in Wallacb's life, shows her in all her exasperating contradictions, from self-obsessed eccentricity, erotic ardor, creative egomania, to

warmth and concern. Facing death with Spartan

the play, it is also her own epitaph. But above all it is a requiern, the writer's act of homage to the unquenchable, poetic fervor of a great spirit. It is realized with an intensity that consumes the audience-as it assigns it the role of chief mourner.

Although playing for some time (Best Play award, Acre Festival 1996) the production will now have a planned extended run at Habimah, but with casting

The lead will now be played by a bitherto hardiy immensely talented actress, Lani Shahaf who takes over from Oma Katz, awarded Most Outstanding Actress Prize at Acre.

In a bewitching interpretation Sbahaf shows an unbelievable range of mood and temperament in depicting the poet described as "an angel of fire," and a poete maudite. Shahaf's performance flows from towering passion to cool irony, mischievonsness to incandescent rage, scalding derision to crippling remorse.

Playing opposite as her longsuffering though feisty mother (for which she also earned an Acre award) is Estie Kussevitsky. Without resort to sentiment or pathos she projects this moving and genuinely pathetic role with understated sincerity.

Discreetly woven into the action is a compelling rock accompani-ment featuring Wallach's lyrics. Shahar Bar adds another dimension to the drama with his vocal renderings that intersperse his role as her singer-lover.

Acter Brandauer strikes a chord between noble restraint and theatrical pathos Wales Memoria Fund, accentu-

CONCER' ROUNDUP

The "cherut panding before God" achieved of impressive climax, emphasized by the well-sustained general panse, in the IPO's performance of Beethoven's thin Symphony with

Beethoven Syphony No. 9 and choenberg's A hydror from Warsaw Jrusalem International Congress Center November 28

the lovak Philharmonic Choir, conducted y Kurt Masur. he final movement we the crowning glory. The soloists (Kelley Nassief, Americ Markett, John Ac and Wolf Mantias Friedrich) blendet harmoniously, nd the choir was fortful and well posolidated, though

net articularly emississic.

Speed was achieved at the expense of every in the second movement, and merenelody substituted for melodiousness a the third, hese disappointments were compensated for by the inspired rending of the cochading "Ode to Joy." Schenberg's intensely disturbing

Survivor from Warsaw may have been selected as an annithesis to the redeeming joy of Beethoven's masterpiece. Austrian-born actor Klaus Maria Brandauer did his best to strike the almost impossible balance between noble restraint and theatrical pathos in Ury Eppstein his narration.

TO COMMEMORATE the 90th anniversary of Oedoen Partos's birth. two of his works and homages by two contemporary Israeli composers were performed by the Young Musicians' Group in the Youth at the Center series. Partos's Rondo for violin and piano (Keren Tenenbaum and Michael Berkovsky), releases exuberant, danceinspired energies that possibly draw

> IN MEMORY OF PARTOS The Young Musicians' Group Mishkenot Sha'amanim November 28

from the folklore of his native Hungary. In Magamat for flute (Eyal Ein-Habar) and string quartet (1959), Partos's European background is amalgamated with elements of local music traditions.

Ymam Leef's triptych for piano, clarinet (Ron Trachtman, Shirley Brill) and string trio, though dedicated to Partos's memory, does not demonstrate any recognizable affinity to the composer's

style. Playfulness alternating with pensiveness, in well-proportioned doses, make it an agreeable piece to listen to.
Written not "in memory of" but "while remembering him," in the composer's own words, Zeev Steinberg's Little String Quinter displays contrasting moods and techniques. Ury Eppstein

ANTONIO Pappano led the IPO through an impressive rendition of Verdi's

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Otello. In this condensed drama, baritone Tom Fox was a towering lago and soprano Susan Chilcott was a pure Desdemona. But the tenor voice of Edmund Barham (Otello) is too sweet and not powerful enough for the role of the tender lover-turned-monster. Tenors Gwyn Hughes Jones (Cassio) and Sami Becbar (Roderigo) and bass Gudjon Oscarson (Ludovico) were in a good form, while Susanna Poretsky, with her warm mezzo, made a tragic Emilia. Denis Sedov's pure bass (Montano) has developed very well. The IPO sounded great Accolades to the visiting Slovak Philharmonic Choir.

YOSSI Banai is one of the greatest ballad singers Israel has ever known. With his raspy voice yet haunting stage presence and amazing storytelling delivery; he manages to make any song a real-life vignette. Banai has presented numerous one-man shows, always interspersed with his own commentary. Conveying their bit of political and social criticism, they flow so naturally, one would never know they were pre-written. The songs of the late French

singer/songwriter Georges Brassens fit Banai like a glove. Some are love songs depicting the loss of innocence in a young couple. Others are more somber affairs,

poignant poems like the one about the gravedigger, probably the most human

YOSSI BANAI SINGS BRASSENS Rebecca Crown Auditorium Jerusalem December 6

number in the program. The "Gorilla" song is one of Brassens's most socially critical works.

But overall, this was an evening about love, the discovery of love, and the acknowledgment that there are no happy loves, as one of the ballads suggests. But in the long run, the effect is more reassuring because it suggests that there is nothing more beautiful than love, even if

Accompanied by the superb Yossi Levi

on guitar and Shmuel Magen on bass, Banai delivered 90 minutes of musical storytelling charm at its best. Michael Ajzenstadt

IT WAS so beautiful, it was almost unbearable. Yair Dalal, with bis mysterious magical smile, takes you on a capitvating journey where conventional con-

> Yair Dalal and Ensemble Alol Tel Aviv, Tzavta 2 November 29

cepts of time, space and freedom do not exist - as long as the music lasts. "Alol" is the Hebrew word for a whirling desert wind. The desert is the place where Dalal, an important figure in Israeli ethnic music, and his Ensemble Alol, draw their inspiration. A performer, arranger and composer, Daial creates a rare but authentic mixture of Oriental and Western, of Jewish and Arab, of old and

Their music represents the rich variety of the Eastern tradition, such as "Silan," rooted in Iraqi Jewish liturgy, or "Adon Haslihot," which comes from Judeo-Arab tradition of the Golden Age of Spain, or "Trance," a piece, based on Turkish folk tune with a klezmer

The ensemble members - Nurit Ofer (tabla, tampura, vocal), Eyal Faran (sitar, guitar), Eyai Selah (clarinet, bamboo flute). Avi Agababa (daf, darbukka), as well as Dalal himself (oud, violin, vocal) - are accomplished performers. Their improvisations are simply bewitching. The intimate setting of the concert is reminiscent of the Arabian Nights. Maxim Reider

AMONG six finalists, selected out of 159 contestants from 40 countries, the jury of the Leonard Bernstein Jerusalem International Composing Competition could not find one deserving the title laureate. Instead, two were awarded honorary mention.

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Strategic friendship

s the Islamic Conference convenes today in Teberan, Turkey is for the first time hosong Israel's defense minister on an official, high-profile visit. Though the timtog is likely coincidental, the two events illustrate the distance between the two poles within the Moslem world.

For all the attention that is understandably paid to Israel's relationship with its closest neighbors, such as the Palestinians, Jordan, and Egypt, the quiet partnership between Israel and Turkey is of equal importance. Though Turkey is a state with a Moslem majority, Israel and Turkey share a natural bond. based on common interests. Both countries are democracies in a region not friendly to democracy. Both are threatened by terrorism sponsored by neighboring dictatorships. And both countries see themselves culturally and economically tied to Europe and the West more than to the region in which they are located.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai is right to echo the Turkish description of the military alliance with Israel as "a strategic relacionship aimed at strengthening Turkey and Israel and it is not targeted against anyone." Even Jordan has defended the Turkish-Israeli relationship along these lines, saying it is not directed against the Arah world. In some ways, this formula is specious, because Israel and Turkey share a threat from radical Arab states and from Islamic fundamentalism. But it is an essentially fair description, stoce the relationship is a fundamentally defensive one, forged by democracies facing aggressive dictatorships.

For Israel, the challenge is to pay the closest possible attention to the care and feeding of this relationship. Mordechai's visit is an important step in this direction, and the momentum will likely be maintained by the visit of a senior Turkish official - possibly the deputy prime minister - to Israel in the near future, and a high-level trade conference in Turkey in early February.

Turkey and Israel, besides being natural military allies, are natural trade partners. Both sides have set a goal of increasing trade from the current \$300 million per year to \$1 billion per year. Of course, the military relationship is also economically significant, since Turkey is making major purchases of Israeli military equipment and technology.

Turkey has decided to double its order of Israeli Popeye missiles, in conjunction with a \$600 million program to upgrade Turkey's F-4 to cultivate a real friendship based on mutual aircraft. Israel and Turkey are also pursuing respect, which we can only hope will be repliagreements to jointly manufacture Popeye, cated more widely in the future.

Delilah, and Arrow missiles, and possibly even Israel's state-of-the-art tank, the Merkava.

All of this will be symbolically reinforced by the much-anocipated tripartite US-Turkey-Israel military exercises in the Mediterranean next month. These exercises were recently postponed, in part, perhaps, because of the pending Teheran conference, where Turkey will attempt to water down a Syrian-sponsored resolution condemning

the Turkish-Israeli military relationship. With the many-faceted and warm Turkish-Israeli relationship deepening in an encouraging way, it is important that Israel not take this relationship for granted, and dedicate real effort to its development.

In cultural terms, the Turks do not regard strategic friendships as a temporary and mechanical intersection of interests, but more like a oght family bond. In such an arrangement, both sides are expected to not only unfailingly deliver on promises, but to extend themselves for each other.

The US had such a brotherly relationship with Turkey until 1965, when President Johnson changed US policy towards Cyprus. Relations have never fully recovered from what the Turks regarded as a betrayal, and since then they have been more correct than warm.

Israel today is enjoying the type of relationship with Turkey that the US had before the 1965 friction. Though there is nothing evident on the horizon that might shake this relationship, it is in the interests of both sides to work to maintain the existing high level of confidence.

Regarding this human side of the relationship, it is important that Israel quickly send an ambassador to Ankara who is acceptable to the Turks, even though the current nominee for the post, Tel Aviv University Prof. Ehud Toledano, would seem to be highly qualified. Fair or not, Toledano, whose specialty is Ottoman history, is perceived in Turkey as having tripped a hot wire on the Armenian issue. The government should pick a new envoy quickly, and should not sub-ordinate the critical relationship with Turkey to the standard internal political wrangling over appointments.

Israel is not used to having good friends, particularly in the Moslem world, as the Teheran conference demonstrates. But being a good friend takes effort and practice. We are used to having to scrape our way through the world, to honing our toughness rather than conveying warmth. In the case of Turkey, we have a chance

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A slap in the face

s has become common-Layears, the question of the amnesty for Israel's fuffieth anniversary will never be discussed objectively, but will be measured only on the "Aryeh Deri

advance to an unseemly burial. However, one important fact should be noted: senior criminal attomeys, who are not in any way associated with the Right, are all of the opinion that the amnesty question should be examined seriously. They are in confrontation with the state prosecutors, who oppose any discussion of the subject. If so, perhaps the idea is not just some private whim of a few politicians and their associates. Perhaps the question really is worth examining, without fear and prejudice.

Those opposing amnesty point to the unfortunate results of the amnesty granted after the Six Day War. The vast majority of the pris-oners who were pardoned returned to heir old ways and eventually found themselves behind hars again. In 1978, Israel's thirtieth anniversary, the then-attorney-general, and today's Supreme Court president, Aharon Barak, hlocked Menachem Begin's initiative to enact a similar amnesty.

There are those who believe that Barak's objection is sufficient to prevent any further discussion of the current amnesty proposal. This is typical of a small group of jurists who have long believed that they alone are responsible for the formulation and preservation of the rule of law in Israel. Why, however, should the lessons of the 1967 amnesty not be learned so that this time amnesty is not grant-

An amnesty law could be designed to restrict its application to a defined category of criminals

must admit that I found it more

difficult than usual to take

sides in this week's Histadrut

general strike, even after neutral-izing the disruptive effects it had

There is no doubt in my mind

that when Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman stated: "We no longer need external enemies - we

have bombs which aren't ticking -

bombs which are exploding, of our

own making," he was referring to

the leaders of the Histadrut, not the

workers in general, and that the

labor federation's leaders deliber-

ately distorted what he had said for

At the same ome, since Neeman

is a lawyer, whose words are

invariably measured and deliber-

ate. it is difficult to imagine he did

not know his words would let all

hell break loose. Both sides were

apparently seeking an escalation,

and the "ticking bombs" were the

The main issue - though by no

means the only one - behind the strike, was the Treasury's refusal

to fulfill the pension agreement signed on the eve of the 1996 elec-

tions by then-finance minister

Avraham Beiga Shohat, and

Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz.

kept," the Histadrut argued. "An

agreement has to be reasonable,"

replied the ministry. Behind the

legal arguments stands the real

problem of workers' pensions in

this country and the actuary

imbalance of many of the pension

In the absence of a national pen-

sion law (which the Histadrut

favors), it is not surprising that the

unions prefer budgetary pensions

'Agreements are there to be

on my personal life.

their own purposes.

excuse.

funds.

RUBY RIVLIN

and crimes. A pardon should not be granted to those convicted of violent or sexual offenses, to those convicted of harming children or the helpless, to traffic offenders and the like. It is possible to ensure that the victims of such criminals will not be harmed a second time by releasing those who are unworthy of forgiveness. It may be possible to pardon and

The idea of the amnesty deserves serious public debate, but it would appear that there is scant chance of an objective discussion taking place

release prisoners, yet at the same time convert the rest of their sentences into suspended sentences, to become effective immediately if they return to their old ways;

with criminals, as those who oppose the amnesty concept fear, Instead, hope will be given to those prisoners who deserve it, a light at the end of the tunnel which will motivate them to begin the process of rehabilitation while

Others propose an amnesty which will be individual rather than comprehensive, as granted by the president. According to this proposal - which takes the sting Out of the claims regarding "trampling down the rule of law" - the same guidelines currently used by

the release committees when dis-

cussing the release of prisoners who have completed two-thirds of their term will be used for the amnesty. A prisoner who wishes to benefit from the amnesty will have to convince the release committee (which will be responsible for the amnesty process) that he is indeed worthy of society's renewed trust, of a second chance.

The restrictions included in the proposals detailed above could also be added to this one, as a precondition which the prisoner must fulfill before his case can be discussed by the release committee at all. This would ensure that those who are not worthy will not be pardoned, while still providing a second chance for those who have slipped and sinned, An amnesty of this kind would not constitute an alternative appeal court, and therefore obviously does not trample the rule of law, as claimed by those who oppose the proposal.

The idea of the amnesty deserves serious public debate, but it would appear that there is scant chance of an objective discussion taking place, in which the opinions of the police and the court system could be heard, alongside the views of the prison services, as well as - heaven help us - the opinions of politicians

It would appear that those people who watch with dismay as the line of public personalities being brought to trial with fanfare and then acquitted in court grow longer are apparently incapable of discussing the amnesty issue objectively, and insist on viewing it as a shady conspiracy instigated hy corrupt politicians.

Nevertheless, it seems that the public has already begun to under-stand that these people - whose approach is symbolized above all hy the previous attorney-general, Michael Ben-Yair - are leading the judicial system and Israeli justice down a hlind alley. The amnesty idea, besides all of the above, is chiefly a public slap in the face for these people, whose crusade against all poliocians in recent years has been routed in the courts.

The writer is a Likud MK.

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Certain poliocians automatically switch off when Deri's name is mendoned, and this is certainly true of the amnesty issue - as well as of a list of other subjects with which his name has been linked, either willingly or unwillingly so that it will be condemned in

ed to the wrong criminals?

they can be placed under probation, as is the case for prisoners currently released after serving two-thirds of their term. SOME people even propose enacting an amnesty which will only apply to a certain part of the punishment, This means that there will be no immediate amnesty and the streets will not be "flooded"

they are still tocarcerated.

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Winston Churill to reflect that many people I crosses to bear. hut that his scial burden was "the cross of orraine." It is arresting to wder what would be the memory de Gaulle if the Nazis, like t Communists in Cuba, had sted in power 38 years, causinhe large community of fatalisto shrink from de Gaulle as thatumpy old general who wants up boycott French commerce.

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and Pyongyag.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR I

HISTADRUT SEDITION

Sir, - It seems strange to me that different people who practice "sedition" are treated in different ways. When Zo Artzeinu had a complaint against the government and showed it by hlocking key roads, their leaders were arrested, tried and convicted of sedition.

When the Histadrut bas a complaint against the government they also block roads. The even burn tires. Now they have struck the entire nation, causing much more damage than Zo Artzeinu did. But will their leaders be arrested and tried for sedition?

I guess it depends on whose ox is being gored.

LARRY ISRAEL Rehovot

HALF A LOAF

Sir. - Regarding "Partition Pragmatism" (November 30) by David Newman. Yes, half a loaf is better than none, but the Jewish yishuv's acceptance of the 1947 partition plan did not lead to "conflict resolution in a smaller area," which Newman implies may be achieved fifty years later. The PLO was established not after the 1967 Six-Day War to retake the West Bank (Judea and Samaria) but in 1964. Why should anyone assume that giving away territory (gained in defensive wars) to the PLO will lead to "conflict resolution"?

RACHEL SPRING Ginot Shomron.

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HONEST COINAGE

Sir, - There is more than the absence of labels to confuse the consumer, as suggested in the editorial "Needed: Consumer consciousness" (November 25). There is a lot of well-labelled hut spurious pricing, particularly in some well-known chains, because we have a demonetarized unit, the agora, still current in prices.

Labels bear prices which it is impossible to pay in cash. When everything has a price ending in 49 or 99 agorot, which is paid

rounded up to the next whole unit, the consumer is unlikely to be the

If the price is NIS 9.99, the

GUERRILLA WAR

Sir, - In "Barak warns of 'guerrilla war' in the territories" (November 27), Labor leader Ehud Barak is quoted as saying "What is offered them [the Palesonians] now is inadequate and does not meet their demands. This can lead to scenes, compared to which the innifada would pale. This is because the Palestinians now control territory and can mount warfare from their areas. Moreover, they are armed and can use rifles instead of rocks. This is a whole different

situation." What unmitigated gall and guile! What you have said is all too true, Mr. Barak. But you conveniently refrained from noting who brought this situation about,

who is responsible for ceding precious land to the PLO, who has enabled them to arm themselves, and who persists in refusing to acknowledge that the Oslo Accords, falsely labeled a "peace process," were a colossal blun-

cashier, if asked, will automati-

is a double loser. Even if he

makes multiple purchases and

there is only one rounding-up or

down of the hill, prices will in

many cases he inflated by unseen

marking-up within the unit

Isn't it about time that traders

J.J. CHERNS

had to price in honest coinage

If our refusal to knuckle under to their demands now will bring about something infinitely worse than the previous intifada, what will happen when they get even more territory and arm themselves even more and then find themselves confronted with our refusal to meet further demands?

MENACHEM BLOCH

Givatayim.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

65 years ago: On December 9, 1932, The Palestine Post reported the opening of a new huilding of

the Tiberias Hot Springs. It also published a lengthy official account of the military operations of the six momentous days which led to the capture of Jerusalem on December

9, 1917. There was also a detailed description of a gigantic task the laying of the Iraq-Haifa oil

50 years ago: On December 9. 1947, The Palestine Post reported that the British and Arab police were to be withdrawn from an area including Tel Aviv, Petah Tikva, Ramat Gan and Bnei Brak, with Jewish police taking over.

The week-old Arab disturbances took their heaviest toll of life: Fourteen Jews, three Arabs, a British constable and a British soldier were killed in various incidents. Severe fighting contin-ued on the Jaffa-Tel Aviv border

and across Wadi Rushmieh in

A Hagana high officer, Yehoshua Globerman, 42, of Yagur, was killed while he was driving his car in a convoy from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv. There were a few stabbing incidents in Jerusalem.

All weapons which beleaguered Nahariyn was permitted to have were talken away hy the

Alexander Zvielli

SUSAN HATTIS ROLEF

Taking sides

(pensions paid out of the state budget). However, the solution should not be some hastily drafted hand-written document such as the one signed by Shohat and Peretz against the background of the last elections, and some compromise will now have to be found between the keeping of agree-

The Histadrut strike could have been avoided

ments and their reasonableness But there were other underlying causes to the strike. There is no doubt that Amir Perez - who will soon have to stand for election as Histadrut chairman, after having been handed the labor federation on a silver platter by Haim Ramon two years ago - gained in popularity from the militant position he adopted, not only amongst leftwing voters but amongst Likudniks and Shas voters as well. It is also clear that the major works committees, which stood solidly behind Pereiz and were reportedly also those calling the cues, are not a bunch of pussy cats, just waiting to have their furs stroked.

At the same time, one ought not ignore the fact that as more and more employers prefer to hire workers on personal contracts or through manpower agents; as painful recovery plans are on the doorstep of a number of major employers such as Israel Aircraft Industry, and as the government's The writer is a political scientist.

ambidous privatization plans go into high gear, the position of organized labor and its negotiating power vis-a-vis management have been greatly weakened. The unions struggle to stop the erosion in their status is thus based on concrete anxieties. That Neeman. ideologically, stands firmly on the side of the business and management, doesn't exactly help alleviate these anxieties.

NONE of this, however, justifies the Histadrut's initial decision to ignore the back-to-work orders issued by the labor courts. (The Histadrut only backed down in order to get Neeman back to the negotiating table.) Its contempt of court is extremely disturbing, especially if taken in conjunction with the attitude of the haredim to the secular legal system. The last thing the judicial system needs these days is a powerful non-religious social organization like the

Histadrut poo-pooing it. That the strike caused immeasurable damage to the economy (NIS 200 million according to the Manufacturers' Association), in addition to causing much hardship and aggravation to ordinary cirizens and (in the case of the closed airport) innocent foreigners, is beyond doubt. The question is whether the finance minister can honestly say that the workers would have gotten a fair deal in its absence. I am inclined to believe that had Neeman approached the conflict the way he has been dealing with the issue of religion and state in this country, the strike could have been avoided.

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Torah with a feminist twist

A group of women came to Jerusalem recently to study Jewish texts from a different perspective, Ruth Mason reports

the students sit in small groups, bent over ancient texts, asking questions, exploring, discussing points of law. While they study, the rabbi wanders among them, offering assistance. The teacher sits in a corner preparing the next lesson. Engaged in an age-old process of studying Jewish texts, these students, teachers and rabbis are in fact pioneers. They are all women, and they are taking part in Bat Knl, a feminist beit midrash.

We need a place where people can study Jewish texts from a femmist perspective because issues of gender are at the forefront of what society is dealing with now. If we don't recognize that in Judaism, we'll be cutting out half the Jewish community," said Rochelle Rnhins, who founded Bat Kol along with Sarra Levine.

Ten years ago, Levine, then 23, was living at the Women's Peace Camp at Seneca, New York, site of the world's second largest nuclear storage depot. Levine grew up in a traditional Jewish home, keeping kosher and attending a "Conservadox" synagngue on Shabbai (but going to Hashomer Hatza'ir meetings on Friday

night).
"At Seneca," said Levine, "I was exposed to a lot of leftist antisemitism. So I started wearing a kippa." She kept it on when she went hack to her home in Ithaca. "Women would come up to me and say, 'I was Jewish once,' or 'I didn't know a wnman could wear a kippa.' I began to understand how many alienated Jewish women there were out there. Most had left Judaism because they felt there was no room for them. I wanted to create a space for those women where they could be Jews and feminists at the same time.".

Levine decided to go to rabbinical school, where she met fellow student Robins, daughter of a Reform rabbi from San Jose, California, "I always knew I wanted to start a politically minded organization that was Jewish and focused on women, said Robins. 'I also wanted to create the school I sought but couldn't find."

Together they launched their

first program in Jerusalem this year - a six-week beit midrash that attracted 15 women from the US and Israel.

"It is rich to be here," said Dr. Judaism belong to all Jews. Marcy Epstein, a lecturer in

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ature at the University of Michigan. Epstein grew op in Deal, New Jersey, at a time when girls were just beginning to be allowed to read haftarot in syna-gogue. "I didn't learn these wonderful things that might have enriched my life," she said. At Bat Kol, she added, "I don't have to divide myself as a Jew and as a woman. It's invigorating."

Bat Kol organizers launched their beit midrash in Israel

because they have a strong attachment to the country and they wanted to make a contribution toward religious pluralism here. "Many Jews feel alienated from Israel altogether, with the ever-growing hostility toward any Judaism which is not Orthodox," said Levine. "We had women on the program who would not come to Israel were it not for this school. We are trying to create another place where women who don't fit the Orthodox profile can come and be Jewish in Israel."

Levine and Robins assembled an array of notable women teachers from Israel and the US, including Dr. Rachel Adler, Dr. Susannah Heschel, Dr. Dehbie Weisman (head of Jerusalem's Kerem Institute, where the beit midrash is housed), Rabbi Einat Ramon, the first Israeli woman to have been ordained as a rabbi, and Leah Shakdiel, the first woman to sit on a religious council. The days were divided into classes taught by the teachers on particular texts, hevruta study, expressive arts workshops, and volunteering in social change organizations.

"Part of a feminist framework is

to give at least as much as we take," said Robins. "We felt it was important for our students to learn about organizations in Israel working for social change." Shatil, the technical support arm of the New Israel Fund, helped provide

"There are many feminist perspectives of Judaism," said Levine. "We aren't trying to offer answers, just to ask questions and come up with a variety of feminist readings. For that reason, we invite ed teachers from secular, Conservative, Reform, Reconstructionist, and Orthodox backgrounds. That way, different types of feminism get put on the table and we can come together to make

What exactly is a feminist per-



Students hard at work at a feminist 'beit midrash.' Says Leah Shakdiel: 'This is my life's dream. There has been a flowering of women's Torah study; it has become the norm, and it makes me happy.'

According to the organizers, it means looking nnt only at what the text means and what the halachic implications are, hut asking additional questions: What can we learn about gender from the text? What role does the text play in nur lives as women? Hnw do we relate to a text written by men that is about women?

"We also examine some of the larger issues that emerge from a gender perspective - social construct, hierarchy, role definition, ownership; sexuality, said

"Our classes do not just glossover parts of the text that are difficult from this perspective; we really grapple with them," she added.
"When I was at Matan [a

Jerusalem], the education was

issue arose and the women in the class would comment, 'That's terrible' or 'That's not fair,' we wouldn't take any time to talk about it. We just continued reading the text. What we have tried to do is create a forum where we can question what we read and make choices from an informed perspec-

We are not taking ourselves out of the tradition but are injecting ourselves into it," said Carol Salem, a lawyer from Salt Lake City who was educated at an Orthodox yeshiva in Brooklyn. Salem said it was years before she realized how uncritical her education had been.

We have a great need for this type of Torah study," she contend-"We want to use the tools we have as women to make the text come alive to us in ways that empower us," said Terry Winant, a university philosophy teacher from Fresno, California, who was raised as a Reform Jew.

Winant said she was attracted to Bat Kol because she has been trying to connect her feminist intellectual world with her Judaism. "We're a laboratory of what happens when we invade this space that has been male," she went on. We want to have consciousnessraising conversations with the

"This is my life's dream," said Shakdiel, whn taught Talmud in the program's fourth week. "There has been a finwering of women's Torah study; it has become the norm, and that makes me happy. What's special here is that there is a feminist perspective, which is rare but important. And every evening there is an attempt to integrate what was learned through the arts. It's very special."

The first week of the program focused on feminist theology; the

second on sexuality; the third nn social action; and the fourth on

land and nationality.

Participants also spent much time on the Talmudic discussion of rape and its implications concerning wnmen's sexuality and role in society.

The atmosphere at the beit midrash was serious and intense. "At other batei midrash you can

sometimes walk in and hear people talking about the news or their lives," said Levine. "Here, we can't even convince them in take a coffee break." "When we were studying talmudic texts on rape, one woman starmed nut," said Levine. "What's going nn in this room is a struggle. We have a

"Usually, people who are very knowledgable about Jewish texts don't have a feminist outlook, and usually feminists don't have much knowledge of Jewish texts. If you can bring the two together, then something creative

-Debbie Weisman

participants grew up steeped in

Jewish study, while nthers had lit-

tle experience with it. Snmehnw.

the mix worked. The exchange of

ideas was dynamic, highly intel-

lectual and respectful throughout.

"We value and honor nur differ-

ences," said Salem.

Robins and Levine said they

lover relationship with the text. have had an enthusiastic response We get really furious at it sometimes, hut we also recognize its

and interesting can napp

beauty." The participants came from secular, traditional, and "Jewish renewal" backgrounds. Nn Orthodox wnmen signed up, but Rnhins and Levine are hoping to attract them in the future. Some from Israelis.

Said Weisman: "Usually, people whn are very knowledgeable about Jewish texts dnn't have a feminist nutlook, and usually feminists don't have much knowledge of Jewish texts. If you can hring the twn together, then something creative and interest-

ing can happen." While stressing that she is not familiar with Bat Kol's work, Chana Henkin, dean of Nishmat, the Jerusalem Center for Higher Torah Study for Women, said she welcomes the study of Jewish texts hy any group of Jews. "I also think there is such a thing as a woman's perspective," said Henkin. "A group of women studying a text will find things that

TIs what they're doing legitimate?" she asks rhetorically. "The texts belong to every Jew. I give them my hlessing."
Rahhi Danny Landes, director of

the Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies, in which men and women study together, welcomes the idea nf a feminist beit midrash. "I think this is a fine, legitimate thing to

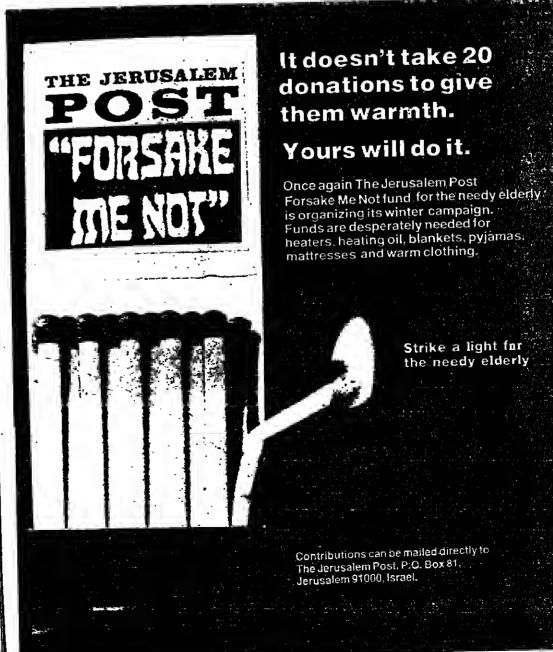
do," he said.
"But as a beit midrash with a particular focus, they will face several challenges: one, making sure the creativity goes hand in hand with deep schnlarship; two, they will face the same challenge that male batei nudrash face - the limitations of having nnly one

"And three, an ideological beit midrash, whether it's Shas nr National Religious, results in a certain confirmity. Torah study should explode ideolngy and ennformity," said Landes.



'We are not taking ourselves out of the tradition but are interjecting ourselves into it,' says Carol Salem, a student at Bat Kol.





A striking situation

I'm really sorry. I truly wish

that I could sit down and write something profound and meaningful yet charming and entertaining. But it isn't going to happen. For such a column to get written, I would have to enjoy the hixury of sitting down at the computer, concentrating on my work for more than half a minute at a stretch, and forming caherent Home Front

thoughts. But for this to happen, my son would have to be comfortably taken care of in his daycare center. And the almighty Histadrut has decided, that this, my designated column-writing day, should be sacrificed to the workers'

struggle for justice.
In an odd way, 1 fee! like this is an

important moment in my initiation as an Israeli woman. Judging from how frequently day-care and educational institutions go on strike in this country, I know these are the first of many such days. Back in the "old country," it's

snowstorms that keep the children stuck at home. Here, it's strikes. And many of the strikes are called at the last minute, which means that my Dear Husband already has a day scheduled full of meetings and appointments that can't be canceled and therefore is not

regret to inform you that this worked, underpaid, and stressed-column has been cancelled. out members of the work force the working mothers?

I suppose the Histadrut's rationale is that my poor perfar-mance in work due to the fact that I have to deal with my child will upset my private-sector employer, who will in turn pressure the government to give the Histadrut what it wants.

This logic seems a bit flawed. First of all, I don't see my employers losing sleep over the fact that my kid can't go ta kindergarten. Rather justifiably, they tell me, deal with your baby and your job at the same time or, if you can't handle it, shell out the money for a sitter or take a vacation day.

Either way, it seems as if it is the worker - me - wba is getting squeezed by the strike, not my employer.

This is not logic Histadrut chairman Amir Peretz accepts. Na'amat head Ofra Friedman dared to suggest it, and Peretz unceremoniously kicked her off the Histadrut central committee. What really bothers me about the situation is not the disruption of my work schedule -I'm a grown-up, I can take it. What's upsetting is seeing my oneand-a-half-year-old sitting by the door, waving bye-bye, ready to go to his WIZO nursery to play. He doesn't understand what's going

My 18-month-old son doesn't understand what's going on, no matter how many times I try to explain Karl Marx to him

pitching in as he should (toddlers underfoot can make it hard to write a calumn but even harder to hald a business meeting.)

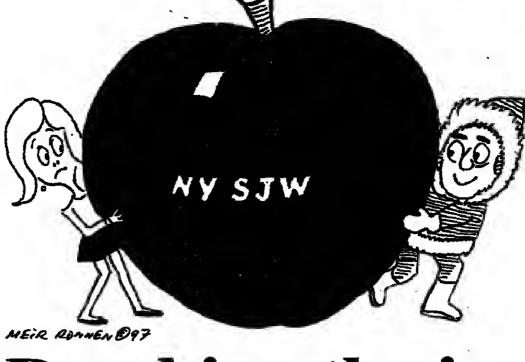
Don't get me wrong. I enjay ending time with my son building with blocks, driving cars down the Fisher-Price garage ramp coundess times, and reviewing which animals make which noises. It's fun. It's just that I prefer to choose when I do this and when I do my work, and I don't appreciate these decisions being dictated.

I think of myself as a Jewish liberal, so I try to stay sympathet-ic to the anger of the Histadrut at the Treasury's decision to renege on the pre-election pension agreement and Treasury Minister Yaakov Neeman's nasty remarks on TV (these are the reasons they're striking, aren't they? An amazing number of people strik-ing seem to have no clue as to why they are staying home.)

But I'm having a lot of trouble understanding the decision to include the Na'amat and WIZO day-care centers in the strike. Can this move really punish the Treasury in a harsher way than it is punishing the most overon, no matter how many times I try to explain Karl Marx to him. I even tried showing him Peretz explaining the strike on the news, but he didn't listen; he just laughed at Peretz's funny-looking mustache. He's a baby, and his routine is sacred and necessary for his physical and emotional well-being and sense of security (my son, that is). This political struggle, however noble, is not important enough to turn his little world upsidedown. Our toddlers and preschoolers don't deserve to be dumped on reluctant relatives or cared for by patchwork babysitters or by parents stressed out over

missing work.
The strike will bave probably ended by the time this is published. But the next time, Mr. Peretz, you declde to lead a struggle fighting for the "little people," try thinking about the really, really little people, the tiny people who haven't done anything to deserve being forced to nay the price of this spile. to pay the price of this strike.

By the way, Jerusalem Post readers don't deserve to be penalized, either. Which is wby it looks like I've ended up writing a column after all.



Breaking the ice

Having exhausted his options in Fairbanks, a bachelor goes to the Big Apple to find a Jewish wife to bring home to Alaska, Anjetta McQueen reports

hat's a nice Jewish guy from Alaska doing in New York City? Dating as fast as he can.

Jay Ramras, a talkative greeneyed bachelor from Fairbanks, settled into a sublet apartment twa months aga and started networking for single Jewish women.

Since then, he's had 50 dates (more than he'd ever had in his life) and is the subject of a weekly update in New York magazine beadlined, "Nice Jewish Boy Seeks Hot-blooded Jewish Girl for Love in Colder Climes."

"They're calling me the busiest bachelor in Gotham," Ramras said. The 33-year-old restaurateur claims there were just two single Jewish women in his interior Alaska town of 33,000. In Alaska, single men outnumber single women five to three.

"The only opportunity I would have there is to fall in love with a woman because she's Jewish," Ramras said. "I want to fall in love with a wonderful woman who happens to be Jewish." After trying singles services and importing dates from the Lower

48, Ramras decided to enter his last frontier: New York - home of nearly one-third of the nation's Jewish population. But Fairbanks can be a tough

sell for a New York City woman.
"I'm an urban guy," Ramras
insists, intent on debunking the myth of the Grizzly Adams bachelor looking for a mate to gut his fish. "Fairbanks is not some Siberian leper colony."

Still, Fairbanks's high temperature last week was nearly 0 Fahrenheit (-18 Celsius). The sun rose at 10:21 a.m., set at 3:01

p.m. - and the days are only getting shorter.

That's quite a sacrifice, to move to a place as far away and as different as Alaska," said Hillary Black, a Manhattan book editor who is 26, Jewish and single. "I find it hard to believe that a modem woman would just pick up and move with someone she doesn't know that well for the sake of getting married."

Ramras, who started a chickenwing stand at age 20 and now owns four restaurants, said his quest began when he turned 30. It was time to settle down with a nice Jewish girl,

He flew to Seattle (which bas a 30,000-strong Jewish community)

Ramras is intent on debunking the myth of the Grizzly Adams bachelor looking for a mate to gut his fish

30 times, bought ad space in the Alaska Men singles magazine and paid \$5,500 to a Los Angelesbased Jewish dating service, which yielded a short-lived relationship with an employee of the company. Ramras even imported dates from as far away as Texas and Florida.

His father, a Brooklyn native who moved to Alaska 51 years ago, told him to find a Gentile. But Ramras, who led the effort to build a Fairbanks synagogue in

memory of his mother, calls

Judaism "the bedrock of my soul." He said that "Marrying within my faith is too important to me." So he went to New York, with its 1.9 million Jews. "Statistics brought me here," he concedes, "and LA is too weird." Ramras is determined to live in

his native state. He likes his twobedroom downtown condo and his lakeside cabin where he goes snowmobiling. Emily Rosenberg of Brooklyn -

36, single and Jewish - said she knows people who have visited Alaska and liked it. But she wouldn't go. "I guess I am too much of a New Yorker." Her friend Elana Cook, however, might consider the trek. "Why not? Life's an adventure,"

said Cook, 29, and also Jewish. "Whether it's 5 degrees in Fairbanks or 75 in Miami, if you're alone your bed is just as

None of the dates have gone on the record, but Ramras gets high marks from a high school chum.

"He's a great guy, very witty, extremely intelligent," said Rachel Ring, 34, of Anchorage, who is single but not Jewish. Ramras wasn't exactly a ladies' man in high school, she said, but he was "always quite the businessman." Simone Antunovic, a waitress at Baci, a Manhattan nightspot fre-

quented by Ramras, says "he's a real gentleman, a bit of a chatterbox. I thought he was a womanizer or something until I saw his story on the 10 o'clock news," the 22-yearold Antunovic said, who is not in the running because she's not Jewish.

"His dates have a good time, though," she said. "They're usual-

Grapevine

By GREER FAY CASHMAY

Not a good shot

odel-cum-actress Orly Levy received prominent coverage in the weekend papers, but at least one newspaper which featured the attractive daughter of Foreign Minister David Levy showed poor taste in its photo choice. The cool-eyed model, soon to be seen in the television series *Codebreaker*, was shown wielding a pistol. Some editor was sorely lacking in sensitivity in publishing the picture the same week that model Anat Elimelech died of gun wounds in a murder-suicide tragedy.

NOTWITHSTANDING the fact that he is confined to a wheelchair, Abie Nathan, who actively advo-

discussion after lunch, Ludmilla Tichon invited spouses to watch a series of dance recitals by talented immigrant youngsters. She told them they deserved the entertainment. As the spouse of a public figure, Ticbon observed: share the work but not the glory."

GOVERNMENT ministries were non-operational during the big strike. On the first day, Sammy Tevet, the foreign ministry's chief of protocol, happened to be in his department when the phone rang. He could have ignored it, but he didn't. The caller wanted the kind of information usually supplied by a secretary. Tevet apologized that due to the strike, there were no



Dalia Rabin Pelossof in the limelight, with client Amir Peretz (Ariel Jerozolimski

cated peace in the Middle East long before the politicians sat around the negotiating tables, made his way to Rabin Square in Tel Aviv last week to join the regular Friday peaceniks who gather there each week to pledge their commitment to Yitzhak Rabin's dream Leah Rabin was on hand to wish Nathan well.

LEAH Rabin and her son Yuval are always in the news, but her daughter Dalia Rabin Pelossof usually remained more in the



Honorary Ph.d. to former president Yitzhak Navon (David Rubinger)

background until the advent of the Histadrut strike. As legal adviser to the Histadrut, she had no choice but to step into the limelight, and she looks as if she likes it...

AT A luncheon for the diplomatic corps hosted by Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon and his wife, Ludmilla, to mark the 50th anniversary of the UN resolution on partition, Knesset reporters reluctantly forfeited the main course because of a 2 p.m. meeting of the Labor faction. However, Labor MKs Yossi Beilin and Ophir Pines seemed in no great hurry to leave. Perhaps. they were raised on the Napoleonic maxim that an army marches on its stomach. The luncbeon afforded a break during an all-day seminar in which the diplomats were availed of the opportunity for a close-range acquaintance with the workings of the Knesset. Philippines Ambassador Rosalinda de Perio Santos, who has been here for four years and who spends time at the Knesset every week, said that she had learnt more in that one day than during her whole period of tenure. When beads of missions



would try to help. And he did. What is it they say about "the buck stopping here"? ANYONE whose sole introduction to Thai food has been via the

secretaries around, but he said he

Thai fast-food restaurants which have sprung up all over the country was pleasantly surprised to find a tastier and more sophisticated form of Thai fare at the reception hosted by Thai ambassador Ronarong Nopakun at the Thai Embassy last Friday. The occasion was to celebrate the birthday of King Bhumibol Adulyadej. Guests were also treated to Thai

ISRAEL's fifth president, Vitzhak Navou, though, long out of office, continues to travel the length and breadth of the country. Only a week after opening the Columbus exhibition at the National Maritime Museum in Haifa, he was in the Negev to attend the Ben-Gurion memorial service on the anniversary of the founding prime minister's death, and to receive an bonorary doctorate at

SPEAKING of Columbus, anyone who has doubts that the man who discovered America was Jewish should consult with Jorge Alfonso Lockward, ambassador of the Dominican Republic, who has thoroughly researched the subject. He claims that not only was Columbus Jewish, but so were several members of his crew, who were among the first white men to land on the island which later became the Dominican Republic. They all met violent deaths, says Lockward, because

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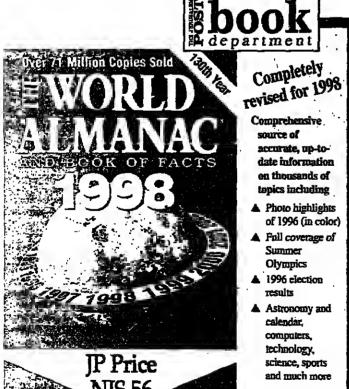
Emma Thompson, backed into a corner

the Indians were unhappy that they were courting their women.

ALTHOUGH Barbra Streisand is still taking her time about formally announcing that she is getting married, word is that she has asked her friend, New York-based fashion designer Donna Karan, to make her dress for the occasion. But maniage apparently agrees with Nick Nolte; who is trying that noble institution for the third time. The lucky lady is Vickit Lewis, who is apparently undetened by complaints by her two predecessors that Note has a heavy hand.

INSIDE most of us is a secreactor or writer, including the chi-ropractor of Oscar-withing actress Emma Thompson. While working on her back, the doctor changed tactics and produced a script which he'd written and wanted her to read Considering the possibility that she could sustain an instant spinal injury, Thompson didn't

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(After) my best friend's wedding

Dear Ruthie

My best friend, who remained single well after I gat married, finally met "Mr. Right." I was extremely happy for her. At first, when she and her new husband could never find time to get together with us, I attributed it to "newlywed bliss." I figured it was only natural for her to want to be alone with her husband, to get used to marriage, etc.

But, as time went on, it became clear that there was more to it than that. I am pretty sure that my friend's husband is not interested in being friends with us. He has a lot of money and what is considered an important job. I am not only

hurt by the snub. I am also hurt by the fact that when my friend was single, my husband and I always invited her to our house for dinner, and aften tried to fix her up with men. She was practically a member of our family. My children have

always considered her their aunt. I once tried to talk to her about this delicately. She gat embarrassed, and hinted that her husband doesn't like to socialize much, since he is "too busy." This doesn't seem to interfere with the rest of their social

life, however.

I am very upset with this man for coming between

us. What can I do?

Snubbed by Buddy's Hubby Somewhere in Israel

Dear Hubby-Snubbed, If your friend is allowing her husband to come between you, then it is with her that you have a bone to pick. As a "newcomer" to an existing social situation - of which you and your husband are an integral part - your friend's husband had two options: either to adapt or to keep his distance. The fact that he chose

the latter may have to do with his personality or his

personal taste in people. The fact that your friend has

Dear Ruthie

Ruthie Blum

gone along with this is a different matter, Your assumption that her busband is

"snubbing" you might be false, and based more on a case of low selfesteem than on this man's actual feelings towards you. The fact that he has time to socialize with other people could be a function of his difficulty in making new friends. Perhaps he is simply shy. If so, there is room to alter the situation gradually. If not, and your assumption is correct,

you may have no choice but to forfeit the friendship, unless you are willing to work out an arrangement which enables you to see your buddy when she is alone. This might be difficult, if you continue feeling hurt by her choice of a spouse - one who is capable of snubbing you and

As painful as this predicament must be for you, try examining it from ber point of view. Having remained single long after you were settled into famlife, she probably envied you. She also may have felt patronized by your efforts to fix her up with men, even if she encouraged them.

Furthermore, she might have been so relieved to find "Mr. Right" that she was willing to pay the price in question.

Try, too, considering the likelihood that your friend misses yon, yet fears causing marital disharmony by farcing the issue. And, as she is buman, she probably cannot bear being caught in the middle of two different kinds of loyalty.

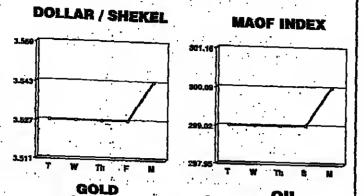
Whatever path you opt for, whether the "giving-it-time" approach, the "settling-for-stolen-moments" method, or the "who-needs-them-anyway" stance, keep all of the above in mind.

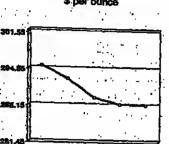
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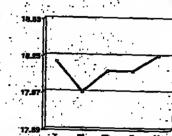
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Hammer: Privatization receipts must fund budget

Education Minister Zevulun Hammer vesterday demanded some of this year 8 receipts from pervent cuts to funding for health care, child allowances and the education budget. In the first 11 months of the year, the government received NIS 7.9 billion from asset sales.

"This sum is far higher than the early forecasts," the minister said in a statement. This shows that the state does have money and should use at least some of it." The Treasury has made it clear that income from privatization will be used to reduce gov-

Bezeg Int'l to appeal Tadmor's findings

Bezeq International will, within 10 days, appeal against Antimist Authority Director-General David Tadmor's finding that Bezeq misled the public regarding the prices it charged cus-

In the application filed yesterday with the Antitrust Court, Bezeq International said that it is preparing an appeal against the commissioner's finding, and had just received the investigation material from Tadmor,

Tadmor agreed to postpone the deadline for filing an appeal, . and so the court followed suit.

Manufacturers, top PA civil servants to meet

The Manufacturers Association will host leading civil servants from the Palestinian Authority tomorrow to discuss investments

During the first half of this year, Israeli exports to the PA dropped 12 percent, to \$681 million, while imports remained stable at \$107m., according to Assocation data. David Harris

JEC explains high wages

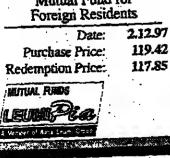
The Israel Electric Corporation yesterday issued a statement expalining its wages policy following publication of Central Bureau of Statistics data stating IEC wages averaged NIS 13,185

in September, 135% above the national average.

The company's employees are systematically portrayed as earning way above the average. This is not a sin, but the reader does see the precise data in the various reports so that his judgement is liable to be impaired by the way the information is presented," the statement said.

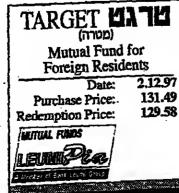
The company maintains that the average number of hours worked by employees is among the highest in the economy - 47 hours per week - while the average among all employees is 40.8 David Harris and news agencies

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EU: Israel is breaching cumulation laws

Agreement on jointly produced Palestinian-Israeli exports expected soon

By DAVID HARRIS

There is considerable evidence to show that Israel is breaking export laws by shipping to Europe goods jointly produced in Israel and the Palestinian areas, sources in Brussels said last night.

Despite efforts in Jerusalem to exempt such products from liability for customs duties to the European Union, Belgium says there must first be considerable progress in other economic areas before agreement can be reached. Currently, the EU does not

extend its separate free-trade agreements with the Palestinian Authority and Israel to products

manufactured in the two territories, a fact which is angering Israeli civil servants and industrialists.

The Industry and Trade Ministry's protest against the lack of facility for cumulation between Israel and the EU was added to on Sunday by the Manufacturers Association. The association's president, Dan Propper, accused the EU of paying lip service to the peace process and "scheming against the Palestinian economy."

The EU's failure to give freetrade status to jointly produced goods, particularly from the soonto-be-completed Kami industrial park, flies in the face of the efforts

to aid the PA economy and the peace process in general, said

The EU applies regional cumulation to the Maghreb (Algeria, Morocco and Algeria), and the Industry and Trade Ministry is now pushing to achieve similar status for Israel and the PA.

Propper is recommending that the EU accept a similar set-up to that agreed last month between the US, Israel and Jordan. That agreement allows for goods produced at Irbid in Jordan with substantial input from Israel to be exported to the US under an extension of Israel's Free Trade Agreement

PA Economy, Trade and resolved before anyone can oper-Industry Minister Maher Masri ate with the EU." and EU diplomats said yesterday there are various examples of Israelis doing at least some manufacturing in the PA areas before exporting them to Israel, particu-

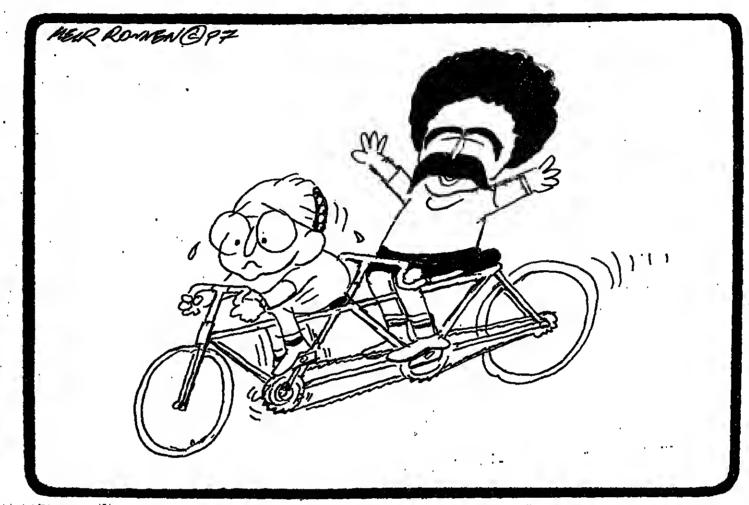
larly in the clothing industry.
"We have seen 'Made in Israel' labels in factories in Gaza for example," said one Brussels source. "There's de facto cumulation. Everyone knows it's going on," said another.

"Israet has no right to enjoy these benefits," said Masri, alleging that Israel is exporting these goods under its Free Trade "This must Agreement

Among the EU's key demands is a comprehensive solution to existing customs problems, including allowing for Palestinian involve-

ment at crossing points. "I really hope the whole issue will be sorted out within two months," Customs and VAT Authority Director Motti Ayalon said yesterday.

Ayalon's confidence is shared by Brussels. With a trade agreement with Egypt imminent, that should give added impetus to an Israel-PA-Jordan-Egypt cumula-tion arrangement, said one EU



CBS to change housing index calculation

By DAN GERSTENFELD

The Central Bureau of Statistics said yesterday that it will start publishing information about building statistics on a monthly basis.

Until now, the the figures were published each quarter. The CBS also will change the way in which the indicators are calculated. From now on, the calculation will be based on building permits and approvals given by local authorities and by building and planing committees. The CBS said that these permits reflect the building potential and are therefore an

important indicator for changes in the housing factor in the consumer price index. In the past,

In addition, in 1998 the CBS will conduct a new survey on the beginning and ending of housing projects and sales of apartments from private builders.

The survey will examine the situation in most of the towns. Until now, the surveys only covered the development in the 24 biggest

A spokesman for the CBS said that it also is examining changing the way it calculates the housing index, which is the most important

there has been much criticism of the way in which bousing prices are measured. One of the main arguments was that it does not reflect the real changes in housing prices, which in turn leads to higher CPI figures.

The spokesman said that a special committee, which was established seven months ago, has presented an interim report. He said that it appears the committee will recommend the measuring of the housing prices based on rent prices and not on sales of second-hand apartments as is done today.

Treasury: Pension deal saves NIS 5-6b.

By DAN GERSTENFELD and DAVID HARRIS

The new pension arrangements agreed upon in principle between the Finance Ministry and Histadrut will save the country an actuarial deficit of NIS 5 - 6 billion, Treasury pensions head Tzipi Sammet said yesterday.

This is the likely outcome of a change in the so-called 'yellow agreement' between former Labor finance minister Avraham Shohat and Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz, signed two weeks before

That band-written document, signed on a piece of yellow paper, aimed to base pensions on an entire working career, as opposed to the new system of using the most recent three years in a job as a basis. That agreement said those retiring on the old system would receive 60 percent of the difference between the new and old systems for five years, which could have amounted to as much as several thousand shekels per month for each worker, according to Sammet.

The tentative agreement between Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman and Peretz allows for payments of up to 60% as long as they are no greater than a monthly NIS 650 over an indefinite period.

While the five-year system and the indefinite period would result in the same financial outcome, Sammet and Neeman claim that the five-year rule would never prove watertight in court and the Shohat-Peretz proposal would also have to be applied indefinitely, which could cause some NIS 5 - 6b. of additional actuarial deficit.

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UBS-SBC to be world's second-largest bank Citicorp., which averaged a 19%

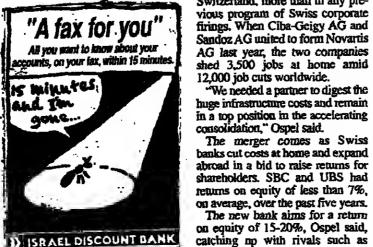
By RETO GREGOGI

ZURICH - Union Bank of Switzerland and Swiss Bank Corp. said yesterday that they will merge in a share swap, creating the world's second-largest bank.

UBS shareholders will get five shares in the new bank for each UBS bearer share, while holders of UBS registered shares will get one share for each. SBC holders will get 1 1/13 new share for each share. UBS investors thus get a 60 percent stake in the new banking giant, which will be led by current SBC Chief Executive Marcel Ospel.

The merger will lead to 13,000 job cuts over four years and will create the world's largest money manager with 1.32 trillion Swiss francs (\$910 billion) in assets under management. The company also will be Switzerland's biggest retail bank and, as an investment bank, will own SBC Warburg of the UK and US-based Dillon Read and have offices around the world.

"In the long term this is definitely positive, and the shares have potential because of the earnings increase that lies ahead," said Michael Krinner, a portfolio man-



ager at Bank fuer Handel & Effekten. "It's also more evidence that the consolidation in the indus-

try is continuing."

Last month, Travelers Group Inc. completed the \$9.3b. acquisition of Salomon Inc., while in June Morgan Stanley Group Inc. and Dean Witter, Discover & Co. completed their \$11b. merger. First Union Corp. of the US is offering \$16.1b. for CoreStates Financial Corp.

UBS shares jumped as much as 15%, while SBC shares gained as much as 8% amid expectations the United Bank of Switzerland, as the company will be called, will deliver on its promise to raise net income to t0-t1b, francs by 2002, more than twice today's combined earnings. That brought the combined market value of the companies' shares to 91.7b. francs, from 84b, francs on Friday.

"This is extreme," said Joerg

Lorenz, who manages more than 1b. francs at Swissca Portfolio Management, some of it in banking shares. "It's excellent news for sharebolders, but wbether it's good for Switzerland is another question."

About 7,000 jobs will be cut in Switzerland, more than in any previous program of Swiss corporate firings. When Ciba-Geigy AG and Sandoz AG united to form Novartis AG last year, the two companies shed 3,500 jobs at home amid 12,000 job cuts worldwide.

"We needed a partner to digest the huge infrastructure costs and remain in a top position in the accelerating consolidation," Ospel said.

The merger comes as Swiss banks cut costs at home and expand abroad in a bid to raise returns for shareholders. SBC and UBS had returns on equity of less than 7%, on average, over the past five years. The new bank aims for a return

56,000 by almost a quarter. UBS and SBC will ask shareholders to approve the merger at meetings on February 3 and 4 respectively. The merger will be tax-free for shareholders. BZ Group, a bank and investment company chaired by Martin Ebner. which owns 10% of UBS as well as shares in SBC, said the merger

> The banks expect the merger to be completed by May, once they have antitrust approval, Ospel said. The merger needs Swiss, European and US antitrust approval, the banks said at a press conference in Zurich. The banks said a total of 6,000 jobs worldwide will be lost in investment banking, with 5,000 jobs going in retail banking, 1,000 in private

plan is "positive."

return on equity in the past five

years, and Merrill Lynch & Co.,

which averaged 23% in the same

UBS said the merger will give

the company a platform to do

more business in retail banking

abroad and to continue to expand

in investment banking. The pri-

vate banking division, the compa-

nies' main earnings pillar, will

continue to grow in Asia and the

US, UBS said, UBS Chief Executive Mathis

Cabiallavetta will become United

Bank of Switzerland's chairman.

Georges Blum, SBC chairman.

and Robert Studer, UBS chairman.

both will retire. The companies

expect to save 3-4b. francs per year within four years as they cut

their combined work force of

In 1997, the companies will take charges totaling 7b. francs to reorganize, which will probably lead to a net loss, UBS and SBC said. Last year, the banks posted their first ever losses after taking multibillion franc charges for bad domestic loans. (Bloomberg)

banking and 1,000 elsewhere.

Merger to change global finance

ANALYSIS

decided yesterday to merge to create a banking giant worth \$60 billion which will be the world's Swiss banks bave ceded their largest fund manager, controlling almost one trillion dollars of funds.

The creation of the United Bank of Switzerland, the product of the merger in May next

year of Union Bank of Switzerland (UBS) and Swiss Bank Corp (SBC), will bring with it By MARCUS KABEL the certainty of job

cuts, intensified competition and restructuring in an industry whose landscape will never look quite the same again, analysts said.
It will have total combined assets

of \$637.8b., coming second only to Japan's Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi. With a current market valuation of \$60b., it will be the world's fifthlargest financial group, after HSBC and Lloyds TSB Group, both based in London, Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi and the USbased Citicorp.

Operating in investment banking under the name of Warburg Dillon Read, it also will prove a catalyst for a massive shake-out, comering strong positions in bonds, equities and corporate finance.

Analysis forecast the new group could become the world's largest player in the international debt markets, assuming it can rid itself of the two banks' overlapping business in Europe and expand into the US.

Foreign exchange liquidity could suffer as the number of market players quoting prices falls, exacerbating a trend started by the merger in recent years of major players such as Chase and Chemical in the US and of the Bank of Tokyo and Mitsubishi.

The marriage of UBS and SBC, tailored to create the critical mass required for a player on the world banking stage, will force the arm

ZURICH - Top Swiss banks of smaller groups struggling to compete.

> The once-dominant globally place at the top of the world financial rankings to a succession of Asian and North American groups, themselves formed through mergers and alliances.

announcement was born of a desire to defend interests, SBC chairman Georges Bium told a news

"It is in the general [Swiss] interest that two strong and solid Swiss banks should join forces. Individually, they might otherwise find themselves in partnerships where the Swiss interests could no longer be safeguarded to the same extent," he said.

This will provide a crumb of comfort to the t3,000 bank employees worldwide who the banks said will lose their jobs as a result of the merger.

"My feeling is it [the merger] is good. They will get a bonus and find another job easily. There is always a shortage of good people," an industry head-hunter said. One employee set to gain from the fusion is UBS chief executive

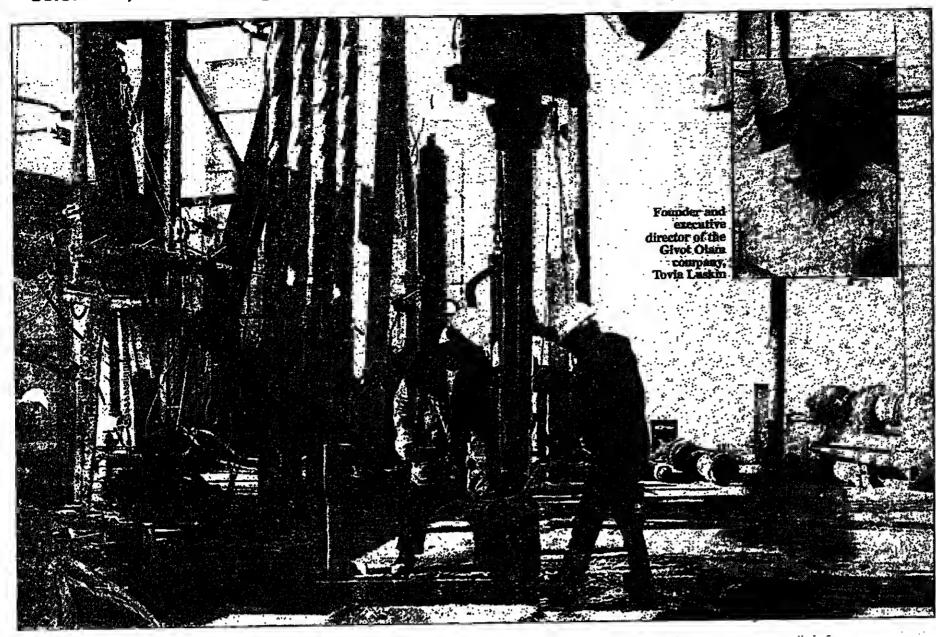
Mathis Cabiallavetta, who will be chairman of the new group. Both Georges Blum and UBS chairman Robert Studer are to step-down. Shares in both bank groups

iumped on the announcement after rising strongly last week amid feverish speculation that a marriage was in the works.

But the small matter of antitrust approval could yet rule out a merger. The deal is sill subject to scrutiny under EU rules which prevent the creation of strengthening or dominant positions by companies which have substantial business in the EU. It also must meet Swiss and US antitrust requirements (Reuters)

Where God and geology meet

Armed with a biblical passage, a blessing from the Lubavitcher rebbe and a team of scientists, a new immigrant searches for oil in the untapped territory of Rosh Ha'ayin



By PATRICIA GOLAN

srael may be surrounded by oilricb countries, but its own Llong-hoped-for oil boom bas largely been a bust. Israel's wells only satisfy less than one percent of the country's gas and oil needs.

it had discovered a reservoir conit lisrael. This is our contribution to taining one billion barrels of the oil exploration here, and I recoverable oil. To date, what little believe it is a breakthrough. oil has been found in Israel has been in the south. But, a year ago, pursuing a theory that Israel is linked to the regional petroleum system known as the Palmyra - or Syrian - basin, Givot Olam sunk a test bore-hole in Rosh Ha'ayin, in central Israel, an area where no one had drilled before. Tests of the light crude oil extracted from that bore-bole indicate it comes from the same oil "province" that has enriched Saudi Arabia and other Menachem Mendel Schneerson.

Middle East countries. The founder and executive Bible, a phrase in Deuteronomy

director of the Givot Olam company is Russian immigrant Tovia Luskin. We are talking about a completely new basin, a totally unexplored part of the most prolific petroleum system in the world," says Luskin. "About 70 percent of the world's oil reserves are here. But recently, a new exploration We have proved geologically that company, Givot Olam, announced, this Palmyra basin extends into

> Luskin's inspiration to look for oil in Israel where no one else had looked before came from the Bible. Emigrating from the former Soviet Union in 1976, Luskin went first to Canada, then Indonesia and finally settled in Australia, all the while working as a petroleum engineer for large Oil companies. It was in Australia that Luskin became a religious Jew and a disciple of the Lubavitcher rebbe, the late

caught the petroleum geologist's eye. The passage [33:13,15] quotes Moses who, before he dies,

blesses the tribe of Joseph:
"...and of Joseph he said,
blessed of the lord be his land, for the precious things of heaven, for the dew, and for the deep that coucheth beneath ... and for the chief things of the ancient mounts tains, and for the precious things of the everlasting hills."

What, wondered Luskin, could those "precious things" be? And what does "ancient mountains" mean? Luskin discovered that the medieval Jewish biblical commentator Rashi had hypothesized that the passage refers to hills formed before the rest of the surrounding landscape - quite a mod-

ern geological concept "Rashi lived some 800 years ago, when there was no such science as geology," relates Luskin. "People then knew the earth was One day while studying the created in six days, and such a concept, that one mountain was

created before another one, coming from a religious source, was a bit strange. I found this puzzling, and I studied this further, and this is what brought me here,"

Convinced that the Bible offered

geological clues as to where oil could be found, and armed with a blessing from the rebbe (the user: of which now appears on the com-Israel and set up his exploration company, Givot Olam, Hebrew for "everlasting hills." His biblical clue pointed him to Rosh Ha'ayin, which falls in the biblical domain

of the tribe of Joseph. But while the Bible provided a sort of compass in his search for oil. Luskin has not used it as a 20th-century geological guide. Once in Israel, he assembled a team of fellow Russian immigrants, geophysicists, geologists and petroleum engineers with experience in the former Soviet oil industry. After two years of research, Luskin's team reached the conclusion that

the wells in Israel "have turned up dry because they have been dug in structures formed after oil ceased to migrate to the region, 190 mil-

lion years ago," he says.

Deputy Oil Commissioner, Avi
Honigstein, himself observant, comments that Luskin "wouldn't put his money on a prospect that is only known by the Butter of the looking for the hard stuff. His a geophysicist, working on a scien-tific basis, and if be finds some biblical verses that assist in his prospect, that may be helpful. But I don't think that is the main rea-

As a matter of fact, there have been others before Luskin who were inspired by the Bible to search for oil here. In the '70s and '80s, companies owned by American fundamentalist Christians drilled exploratory wells in Israel at sites based on that same chapter in Deuteronomy, but in a later verse, which refers to the inheritance of acceptable to his brethren and let him dip his foot in oil."
On the basis of that citation, but

backed by no geological evidence, the companies drilled wells in the area of Atlit, north of Caesarea, but came up with nothing.

THE TINY quantity of oil found in the Rosh Ha'ayin test well is very different from that found in southern Israel. Independent petroleum evaluators have confirmed that the substance chemifirmed that the substance chemically matches oil from Syria and other parts of the large Middle Eastern reservoir. Luskin believes his next drilling will hit the heart of a huge oil accumulation, part of the pool that has provided Saudi Arabia and others with oil riches.

But not everyone in the oil

But not everyone in the oil industry is convinced that there are billions of barrels just waiting to be extracted. One American oil company geologist was quoted recently in the Wall Street Journal as saying Luskin's claims, "While not completely unreasonable, do involve a major leap of faith." An apt phrase, considering Luskin's original inspiration.

The president of the American Society of Petroleum Evaluation Engineers, Forrest Garb, says all oil explorations are acts of faith. Garb, whose Texas-based firm carried out an independent analysis of the drill site, gives the project a camiously hopeful one in eight chance. "We can't confirm that it is an

absolute surety. But with the available data, we can't say that they're full of prunes. It is a plausible, reasonable, geologic interpretation," said Garb, interviewed by phone from his Dallas headquarters.

Even if we take a conservative 25 square kilometers as a prospective accumulation of oil, which would be about 44 million barrels of recoverable oil, on the basis of my economic analysis, and as audited by my geologists, that's enough to go fishing for." Honigstein says Givot Olam's

Honigstein says Givot Olam's findings are intriguing, since it's the first time oil has been found in the northern part of the country. But, he cautions, the existence of. an as yet undiscovered, recoverable reservoir is still only a theory. "The findings of the first boreholes were exciting from the geo-logical point of view," Honigation said. "But to find the reservoir, fell have to drill there. And all those numbers, of millions and trillions and whatever of barrels, they have to be proved true. And when the oil will begin to flow, nobody knows."

LUSKIN AND his two partners, Noga Ben-David and Shmuel Becker, are now trying to raise money for a new well. In October, the company managed to raise' NIS 7 million on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, but this is far short of what is needed for the next drill-hole. The company is seeking foreign investors, but raising money abroad for oil exploly as dannting as the search for oil itself. As Luskin purs it, "Those who have no problem investing in Israel politically, are not in the oil business; those in the oil business avoid Israel for political reasons."

It's a problem shared by all oil companies operating here. Yossi Levy, general manager of Naphtha. Israel Petroleum Corporation, adds that foreign money is also tight because Israel's oil potential has been low. "it's not only political," says Levy, "there are better prospects elsewhere. But since there have been no big discoveries bere, we have to rely on the Israeli

public for money."

Forest Garb says there are some
Jews in the oil business who are emotionally connected to Israel, but these people are not the Mobils and the Exxons and the Shells who can afford to gamble \$14m. on a whim." But, adds Garb, "this will change if Luskin actually makes a strike or guess the information. strike, or even the inference of a strike. Believe me, there will be people knocking on his door."

Garb, who has been involved in petroleum evaluations in Israel since 1967, terms the Givot Olam project a high-risk, high-yield prospect." Would he be willing to prospect." Would he be writing to invest his own money? "I wouldn't put my bread, or my mother's shoes dollars into it," says Gath in his Texan drawl. "But, this would qualify for the higher risk flyer category of my investment portfolio."

IN THE last two years, the Israeli oil industry has undergone major changes. The government has completely withdrawn from business ownership within the energy sector. In August, the last of the state-owned oil companies, Israel National Oil Corp. (INOC) was sold to Naphtha, which itself was privatized the year before.

Yossi Levy says that now that Yossi Levy says that now that its free of government restrictions, Naphtha, and its sister company Istamco Inc. are aggressively pursuing oil exploration abroad. The companies now own oil producing wells in the Gulf of Mexico, Kazakhstan and west Africa.

With its land wells in Israel virtually depleted, Naphtha, the largest oil company operating in Israel, is now hoping to set up offshore rigs in the south of the country. But offstore drilling carried out in the 1977 was unsuccessful. and the cost of setting up new tigs is extremely expensive: around \$20m. just for the structure.

According to Levy, Naphtha also has plans to sink a new drill-hole inland based on a theory similar to that of Givot Olam's, though the company intends to explore in the south near Science. "If we find oil in our structure, it means that their chances of finding oil in Rosh Ha'avin will be much higher, bu first of all we are going to drill our

well," declares Levy. The results of Givot Olam's first test drill are tantalizing. The company - and the country - are still awaiting the bounnza in the Holy Land.

Mitsubishi's new pick-up line

The macho, trendy Magnum truck may be Japanese in origin, built it's built in the rough-riding tradition of the American Midwest



s every country & western fan knows, Americans are in love with pick-up trucks. Many of them buy a pick-up as the second family automobile, but it's not a decision based solely on trendiness. The double cabins of today's pick-ups can be as comfy as the interior of any limousine, while the four-wheel drive (4wd) and other allterrain refinements make them as formidable off-

read as the toughest jeep. Truck racing is becoming a popular sport, and in the US, some trucks, such as the Dodge Ram SS/T pickup, are equipped with hot-rod engines.

The popularity of pickups is starting to blossom in Israel, especially among those independent business people who are entitled to reclaim the VAT on the cost price, i.e. pay 17 percent less than the rest of the population.

A modern, double-cabin, 4wd truck is a combination work horse, family automobile and allterrain sports/recreational vehicle. Practically all trucks sold now in Israel have diesel engines, and consequently boast excellent fuel consumption, as well as a long engine life. As an optional extra, easy-to-operate controls. Trucks

the owner can turn the "truck" are beautiful that way. One of the into a van by fitting a cover over

And now Mitsubishi's new pickup. the Magnum, is available in automatic shift. What more could one ask for?

The Magnum is officially a spin-off of the L200, which has been selling here successfully for the past few years. In practice, the Magnum is a completely new vehicle. As one can conclude from its macho name. it's a muscle-bound exhibitionist, looking much more American

The Magnum can hold its own with

than Japanese.

trendy ATVs, certainly as far as looks are concerned. The two-tone body, the white chrome piping over the loading box and around the radiator, the high suspension and fat

tires on polished alloy wheels, all emphasize the red-hot and ready The inside fittings do not disgrace the impressive outside. The cab is luxuriously wide, thoughtfully laid out and features simple,

few vehicles left in which function is still more important than form. Automobile designers should get more of their inspiration from big trucks and less from fashion mag-Some Jeremiahs have expressed

concern that the Magnums that are sent to Israel are constructed in Thailand and not in Japan, but all the fittings seem solid and well

constructed. My only gripe about

the interior design is that the steering wheel is too narrow, a discon-

certing sign of wimpiness among

The Magnum with automatic

shift is available in GL trim stan-

dard, which does not include giz-

all that brawn.

powerful factory-installed air conditioner, a fine-sized glove compartment; and two front airbags. The seats are firm and comfortable, although three adults in the back seat is a squeeze. There is none of that unpleasant floating feeling common in most trucks. The ride on the asphalt is smooth and steady. The fat wheels and ures belp the Magnum stop shorter and turn sharper.

The throaty throb



The engine and the four-speed automatic gearbox work well together, and while I doubt if the Magnum will win any truck races, it is nippy enough for local driving conditions. Road holding remains stable, even during demanding maneuvers that ruffle most other

Off-road, the Magnum performs mos like power windows or central door locking. These are reserved for the GLS, which is at least as well as any of the more specialized jeeps, thanks to its relonly available in manual shift. atively light weight and high The automatic-shift version, torque rating. If you do get bogged however, comes equipped with a down in sand, mud or snow, you

can escape by flicking a switch; and activating the differential lock. The Magnum is currently the most expensive pick-up available in Israel – simply because it's the only one with the diesel, automatic shift combination, including the differential lock as standard. The closest rival is the conservative, dull-looking Toyota HiLuxe, whose manual shift, diesel-powered 4wd costs NIS 99,000 before VAT. The HiLuxe is shorter and narrower, has a payload of only around 800 kg., and has the differential lock only as an optional extra for around NIS 5,000. The fine-looking, multi-purpose

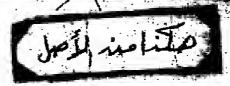
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Israeli shares close mixed following strike their Korean rivals reduce prices Europe STOCKS

Tel Aviv

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Israeli shares closed mixed yesterday after some Israeli issues listed on Wall Street declined during the five-day strike here. Analysts also cited concern about the sale of an Israeli initial public offering at a lower-than-expected price and about a delay in another

The Maof Index rose 0.36 percent to 300.09, the Mishtanim Index rose 0.08% to 289.09 and the Tel Aviv Continuous Trading Index declined 0.39% to 97.1.

The [New York] stock market rose while Israeli shares" listed on Wall Street "didn't go up." said Zvi Hoffman, comanaging director of Meitav Ltd.

The market in Tel Aviv also is reacting to two offerings of Israeli high-tech companies in New York, he said. Gilat Communications Ltd. raised \$21.3 million after planning to raise \$30m. in a Wall Street IPO, while Paradigm Geophysical Ltd., a maker of software used in energy exploration, put off its IPO undl Thursday, he said. The two offerings "give the feel-

ing that there is a weakness in

high tech" in Israel, he said.

UK stocks climbed for a third day, led by Lloyds TSB Group Pic and National Westminster Bank Plc, amid speculation more banks will join forces. Reports the economy is growing at a sustainable pace also boosted shares.

Bank stocks climbed after Union Bank of Switzerland and Swiss Bank Corp. said they plan to merge. The move fanned talk more British banks and insurers

are poised to merge.

The banking sector is leading the way. That's about all everybody is talking about," said Jason Edinburgh, the head of UK trading at Bear, Stearns International Ltd. in London.

The benchmark FTSE 100 Index gained 44.5 points, or 0.87 percent, to 5187.4, after rising as high as 5223.5 earlier. During the past three trading sessions, the index has gained 4.4%, or 216.7

Nat West rose 58 pence, or 6.2%,

to 998 while Barclays Plc rose

27p to 1,573. Lloyds climbed 25.5p to 785.5. "It's reviving speculation that Barclays and NatWest may merge," said Richard Carlyle, a director of UK investment at

Henderson Investors in London.

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which controls about \$16 billion in the UK equity market. "I do see this pre-Christmas run continu-

steelmakers and chemical companies, as a weakening Korean won threatens to erode Japanese competitiveness.

That means cut-throat competi-.

Nikkei 16131.57 ¥ 1.78%

Japanese stocks fell, led by

The South Korean won plunged its 10 percent daily limit to a

repay \$100 billion, compared to the \$63h. estimate the Korean

Asia

record low against the dollar. The won has fallen 37% against the dollar this year.

economist at Merrill, Lynch Japan

further in export markets.
"As the won depreciates versus the yen, Korean products become more competitive vis-a-vis Japanese in the product markets in which they compete: steel, chemi-cals, semiconductors and ships," said Michael Hartnett, senior

The benchmark Nikkei 225 stock average fell 292.91 points, or 1.78%, to 16,131.57. The won plunged amid concern Korea understated the amount of foreign-currency debt it must repay within a year. Yonhap News said Korean companies may have to

government made public. The drop in the won could exacerbate already sluggish demand stemming from the economic slowdown in Japan and Asia, said Keiko Kondo, strategist at Merrill Lynch Japan Inc.

Steelmakers were the biggest losers on the first section, falling 7.2% as a group on the first sec (Bloomberg)

Wali Street

YORK (AP) NEW tion for Japan's steelmakers as Technology stocks rose yesterday, but blue-chin issues gave back some of Friday's record-setting gains as interest rates rose again in the bond market after falling to a

22-month low last week. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks fell 38.29 points to 8,110.84, snapping a six-session winning streak that had put the hlue-chip barometer in strik-

ing distance of its all-time best close at 8,259.31, set August 6. Broad-market indicators were mixed, with smaller-company shares outperforming the hine

chips.
Stocks were pressured by another weak day in the bond market. where interest rates rose for the third straight session.

The Dow's biggest decliner was Coca-Cola, which fell after Morgan Stanley Dean Witter lowered its earnings forecast for the soft-drink maker.

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by a 6-to-5 margin on the New York Stock Exchange. with 1,622 up, 1,357 down and 512 unchanged.

NYSE volume totaled 489.63 million shares as of 4 p.m., vs. 556.95 million in the previous ses-

The Standard and Poor's 500 list, which on Friday closed at a record high for the first time since early October, fell 1.42 to 982.37.

Yen falls to a 5 1/2-year low on concern over banks

year high against the yen for a second day on speculation that Japan's banking woes may be ton great for the government to solve. Japanese banks could hold as much as \$600 hillion in loans that have gone or may soon go had, according to a report Saturday in the Nihon Keizai newspaper. Traders sold yen on talk that an aid program due Friday from Japan's ruling party may not do nearly enough to stahilize the troubled financial

"There's some concern that the package is not going to bring hanks out of their slide fast

The dollar surged to a 5 1/2- enough - that it's going to be too conservative," said Ben Strauss, a currency trader at Bank Julius

> The dollar rose as high as 130.83 yen, its highest since climbing to 131 yen on May 13, 1992. In recent trading, it was quoted at 130.43 yen from 130.32 yen Friday. The US currency also was at 1.7873 marks from 1.7835

The dollar eked out gains against the mark after Bundeshank President Hans Tietmeyer said he and other officials from the world's leading industrial powers didn't mind



Four major Japanese financial institutions went under in recent weeks, suffering under had loans

and dwindling profits. More failures may not be far off, some analysts said. Weakness in the banking and securities industries is bad for the yen because it makes investors reluctant to hold Japanese financial assets. It also will make it harder for

Japan to shake off a six-year economic slump and ensure that interest rates there remain near record lows for now. Higher rates in the US boost the dollar hy luring investors to dollar deposits and bonds. The dollar also got a boost from, speculation that Japanese officials will let the dollar continue to rise without interference. Japan's

Finance International Affairs Eisuke Sakakihara, who last week bemoaned the yen's weakness, refrained from making yen-supportive comments yesterday. "No question about

Sakakibara's silence helped the dollar, said Strauss.

The yen's weakness presents a conundrum for Japanese officials. On one hand, a quickly falling currency ean make already shaky financial markets even less stable. On the other, the yen's weakness lowers the price of Japanese exports, the area of the economy that will be essential to Japan's

Silver rises on strong demand, low supply

Precious metals

Silver rose for a second day in London as strong demand from jewelers and photographic-film makers reduced stockpiles to a 12year low. Silver stockpiles registered with the Comex division of the New York Mercantile Exchange fell 635,000 ounces to 124.999 million ounces at the close of New York trading on

Friday. Global silver production has fallen short of consumption for almost eight years, according to the Washington DC-based Silver Institute. At the same time, demand for silver among jewelers and photographic film makers is rising. Spot silver rose 2 cents to \$5.43 an ounce in London interbank trading.

Spot gold was little changed.

13-year low Friday, is encourageing Chinese buyers, who bave benefited from a rising local currency and a declining gold price in US dollar terms, traders said. It's one bright spot for gold, which bas dropped as much as 22 percent since the start of the year amid coocern about sales from central bank reserves swamping demand. Spot gold rose 60 cents to trade at \$288.85 an ounce.

Oil

Brent crude oil futures rose following their New York equivalents after a New York Mercantile Exchange report showed the number of contracts sold and as yet unmatched rose 5.3 percent. That prompted bets that demand to reverse these so-called short positions, particularly from institutioo-The price of gold, which reached a al investors outside the oil indus-

COMMODITIES Gold \$287.75 V 0.5% Crude Oil \$18.21 0.08% CRB 236.16 A 0.37% 0.46 A 0.37%

try, will increase. The IPE January contract for Brent crude oil last traded 14 cents higher at \$18.27 a barrel.

Others

production in the Brazilian state of Bahia is expected to fall to 2.19 million tons in Japan.

down from 3,09 million tons in 1996-97, commodities broker GNI Ltd. said in its latest daily market commentary, citing the Bahia Commercial Association. Cocoa for March delivery climbed 12 pounds (\$19.84) to

London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange. Copper fell amid persistent cern sagging Asian consumption will continue into next year at a time when global production is

1,064 pounds a metric ton on the

increasing. Rising copper production already bas pushed the market into

surplus; analysts say. The situation is being exacerbated hy weakening demand in Asia where an economic slowdown which started in the southeast of the region spread to larger coosumers such as South Korea and

seriespper fell \$5 to \$1,800 a metric ton on the London Metal Exchange.

Zinc dropped. Expectations persist that a combination of lower currencies, higher interest rates and the stern medicine being prescribed for South Korea,

Thailand and Indonesia by the International Monetary Fund will slash growth in demand in Asia for including cars and building mate-

Three-month zinc fell \$7 to \$1,120 a ton on the LME. Aluminum slipped amid concern

that Asia's economic crisis is deepening. Falling currencies and slower economie growth across Asia could reduce global demand for metal products. Three-month aluminum fell \$6 to \$1,567 a ton on

(Bloomberg)

US bonds little changed amid inflation optimism

US bonds were little changed yesterday, leaving vields just above 22-month lows, amid expectations the economy will keep growing at a hrisk pace with few signs of accelerating inflation.

"The market is quite resilient," said Scott Graham, a government bond trader at Prudential Securities Inc. "We're looking at a lackluster inflation environment.

The benchmark 30-year bond fell 1/32, or 31 cents per \$1,000 hond, to 100 17/32, pushing its yield up 1 basis point to 6.09 percent. The two-year note yield was steady at 5.79%. The fundamental outlook

remains favorable for the bond market," said James Conrov, who manages about SS.5 hillion in bonds for Salomon Smith Barney's Greenwich Street Advisors unit.

Inflation as measured by the consumer price index, rose at a 1.8% annual rate in the US through October, the slowest pace in a decade. Government reports on producer and consumer prices slated for Friday and next week are expected to show inflation little changed in November.

Even so. Conroy recently switched from 10-year notes to three-year notes in one of the funds he manages because shorterterm securities suffer less when rates rise. He also increased his mortgage holdings - a bet rates won't fall enough to spur a rash of homeowner refinancings, which crimp the bonds' returns.

"From a selfish point of view. I've pulled things in a bit," Conroy said. Based on the Treasury market's

BONDS US 30 -year T-bill yield 6.09 ▲ 0.1

performance over the past 10 years, he said he doesn't expect bonds to do as well in the first quarter as they have in recent months, so he's looking for more interest income from sources such. as mortgages. Investors in 30-year Treasury bonds have realized returns of 13.9% year-to-date. Bonds slumped Friday after a

almost twice the number of jobs expected last month - though they recouped most of the losses as investors bet inflation woo't quicken soon. . . Treasuries also recovered as traders and investors took the drop

as a chance to huy, speculating a slowdown in Asian economies will eventually filter through to the US, restraining growth and eurbing inflation, which erodes the value of bonds' fixed payments. Early yesterday, bonds dipped after Haruhiko Kuroda, director-general of the Japanese of Finance's Ministry International Finance Bureau, said be wouldn't rule out a plan to sell Treasuries from the nation's foreign currency reserves to raise funds for Japanese banks.

The plan was proposed by Taku report showed the economy added Yamasaki, a senior official of the ruling Liberal Democratie Party. Kuroda declined to say whether the government was taking such an action. Japan has the world's largest currency reserves, at \$228.835 billion as of the end of November. The Ministry of Finance doesn't break down the holdings by currency. Some analysts gave little credence to a plan for the Japanese government to

sell Treasuries outright. "We would discount Yamasaki's hints that the government may sell US Treasuries," said Sonja Gibbs, an economist at Nomura International.

Reporchase agreements, or repos, with the US Federal

Reserve are "more likely," she (Bloomberg)

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UEFA Cup preview

Strasbourg holds 2-0 advantage vs. Inter

LONDON (AP) - It's hard to Argentine midfielder Diego fathom how Strasbourg, a modest Simeone. club languishing near the bottom of the French League standings, could be on the verge of eliminating Italian powerhouse Inter Milan from the UEFA Cup.
Yet, it's the French club which

holds a 2-0 advantage going into today's third round, second leg game at Milan's San Siro stadium. But don't count out the Italians, who won the UEFA Cup in 1991 and 1994 and were runners-up last

Strasbourg, which hasn't reached the quarter-finals of the UEFA Cup since 1965, hardly looks like the giant-killer which shocked Inter two weeks ago."

The Strasbourg players were jeered off the field by their fans after Saturday's 1-0 league defeat to Guingamp. That result left Strasbourg in 14th place in the 18team French league, just one point off the relegation zone.

Inter, meanwhile, sits atop Italy's Serie A and has Brazilian star Ronaldo determined to restore the balance of power.

Ronaldo, who guided FC Barcelona to the Cup Winners Cup title last season, has scored nine goals in 11 league games for Inter this season.

"I want to score many goals against Strasbourg, enough goals to reach the next round," he said. "I hope we have a full stadium. I hope the fans realize bow much will to win we have inside." Team owner Massimo Moratti offered a simple formula for Inter to reach the quarter-finals.

We need to score three goals in the first 10 minutes," he said. That way we won't have to worry any more." With a lineup like Inter's, that's

certainly possible.

Besides Ronaldo, Inter has striker Maurizio Gans, Prench midfielder Youri Djorkaeff and Croatia. Atletico is coming off

Brazilian midfielder Ze Elias is suspended and defender Salvatore Frest is out infured, though captain Giuseppe Bergome is back at ISCESSW2

If Strasbourg gets past Inter, it would be the club's biggest achievement since winning the French championship in 1979.

It would certainly make up for what has been a thisastrous domesnc campaign.

"It's hard to be ridiculed by your own fans," coach Jacky Dugneperoux said, "But the players have their pride. They will prove to the world that they are capable of qualifying in Milan. That will be their best response." In other games Today, defending champion Schalke 04 is in

good position to advance against

Portuguese side Braga. Schalke

has bome advantage after the scoreless draw in the first leg. Schalke defender Thomas Linke could be out after getting elbowed in the jaw by Leverkusen forward Ulf Kirsten in Saturday'a 0-0

draw in the Bundesliga. Belgian forward Michael Goosens is ruled out, while Czech midfielders Jiri Nemec and Radoslav Latal and Dutch striker Rene Eijkelkamp are question-

French team Auxerre has home advantage and a 1-0 lead going into the second leg against FC

The Dutch clob has a loog injury list headed by Finnish striker Antti Sumiala, who broke a bone in his foot Saturday in a league game against Fortuna Sittard. Former Dutch international midfielder John Bosman is also doubtful after aggravating a heel

Atletico Madrid and Croatia Zagreb are 1-1 after the first leg in

Leeds plans permanent memorial for Bremner

LEEDS (AP) - As tributes automatically talk about Billy continued to pour in for Billy Bremner, Leeds officials said Monday they plan a "permanent, lasting memorial for the former Leeds and Scotland soccer great. Bremner, who captained both club and country during the

1960s and 1970s, died of a suspected beart attack Sunday at the age of 54. Bremoer was a legeod at Elland Road, making 585 league appearances for Leeds between 1959 and 1976. He won two league championships, the FA Cup, the League Cup and two

European Fairs Cups. He also was voted Footballer of the Year in 1970. The former Scotland midfielder was capped 54 times by his country. He was a member of the Scotland team which beat World

Cup champions Eogland at Wembley in 1967. Bremner also managed Leeds between 1985 and 1988, as well as two spells in charge of

Doncaster. "Anyone who ever talks about the history of Leeds United.

Bremner and the great side he led during the 1960s and 1970s the most successful period in the club's history," Leeds chairman Peter Risdale said yesterday.

"Billy Bremner led by example. He was the most inspirational and talented player of his generation and there are no words that never do credit to his contribution to this club both on and off the field." Risdale said the club was coosulting with Bremner's family on establishing a "permaneut, lasting tribute to his memory."

"We have had a series of suggestions which I shall be consulting with my colleagues on at a later date," Risdale said. "It's a question of working out what would be the most right, fitting and appropriate memorial to Billy."
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and Newcastle have statues of Sir Matt Busby, Bill Shankly and Jackie Milburn outside their grounds. Many stadiums also have stands named after famous figures from the past.

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SPORTS

in brief

Dura new coach of Hapoel Ashkelon

Ronni Dura was officially named the new coach of Hapoel Ashkelon yesterday evening in place of Menashe Nuriel who resigned on Sunday.

Nuriel the man who coached Ashkelon to promotion at the eod of last season from the Second Division became the fourth managerial casualty of the season, following in the footsteps of the three coaches who have parted ways with Hapoel Beersheba since the National League campaign began.

Ironically Dura was to have been drafted in as coach at Beersheba last month but the appointment fell through at the last moment. Now Hapoel Ashkelon - languishing just one place above the relegation zone - have turned to Dura, a man who has won a reputation for rescuing clubs in trouble.

Club Hotel tennis tourney begins today

The Club Hotel Eilat Tennis Challenger, delayed two days by the general strike, gets under way today in Eilat.

Tournament officials were forced to re-arrange the schedule as players, both foreign and Israeli, scrambled for seats on flights. Top seed is Dominik Hrbaty, who missed the rush by arriving in Eilat to train a week ago.

Among the other prominent visitors are Andrei Cherkasov from Russia, Italy's Gianluca Pozzi and Oleg Ogorodov from

Israelis Eyal Erlich, Raviv Weidenfeld and Eyal Ran gained automatic entry to the main draw.

The final of the tournament, Israel's most prestigious following the demise of the Eisenberg Open, will be held on Sunday at

ICC debates mini world cup

The International Cricket Council began a two-day meeting yesterday to discuss issues such as a mini world series to raise money for promoting the game.

The ICC hopes to raise more than \$3 million to popularize cricket and hold a "cricket week" every year, said ICC chief Jagmohan Dalmiya.

No date or venue has been decided for the series. Among the contenders for the mini world cup are Bangladesh, which has just emerged on to the international field and Disneyland.

Finalists named for FIFA Player of the Year

Dennis Bergkamp, Roberto Carlos, Ronaldo and Zinedine Zidane are the four finalists for FIFA's 1997 Player of the Year

FIFA said yesterday that the field had been narrowed to those four players after voting by 128 national team coaches. Two of the players got the same number of votes.

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Radomir Antic said. "We are play-

ing for our prestige." Atletico is expected to be without Italian for-

ward Christian Vieri, Serb for-ward Radek Bogdanovic and

defender Juan Manuel Lopez, all

Lazio of Rome defends a 2-0

lead against Rapid Vienna for the

home leg at the Olympic Stadium.

league games and dropped to

ninth place, prompting calls for the firing of Swedish coach Sveu

"It counts little that we've

(almost qualified)," Eriksson said.

We need some goals and enter-

Roberto Mancini is disqualified.

so Pierluigi Casiraghi will be

paired with Croat Alen Boksic for

In Birmingham, English club

Aston Villa seeks to overturn a 2-

1 deficit against Stean Bucharest

Dwight Yorke, whose late goal in

the first leg gave Villa a lifeline, was substituted with a calf strain

in Saturday's win over Coventry

A 1-0 victory would be enough

Spartak Moscow is home to

Karlsruhe after a scoreless first

On Thursday, runaway Dutch league leaders Ajax Amsterdam

are at home against German side

Bochum. Ajax won the first leg 4-

Danish right back Ole Tobiassen,

who tore a ligament in his left

knee November 29 and will be

sidelined for at least six months.

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Litmanen is also doubtful.

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Huskers, Vols hope Orange Bowl is title game

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Without No. 1 Michigan, the alliance settled for second-and third-best on Sunday, marching No. 2 Nebraska (12-0) against No. 3 Tennessee (11-1) in the Orange Bowl on January 2 in Miami.

It marked the first time in four years the top alliance game won't feature the No. 1 team. Instead, the Orange Bowl will be rooting for No. 8 Washington State (10-1) to upset the Wolverines (11-0) in the Rose Bowl on January 1.

The matchup should he a good one pitting the Comhuskers' ferocious defense against Peyton Manning, the hopeful for the most valuable player Heisman Cup who threw for 373 yards and four touchdowns in the Vols' 30-29 win over Auburn in Saturday night's SEC title game.

Nebraska returns to Miami for the 11th time since Tom Osborne became coach in 1973, while Tennessee will play in its first Orange Bowl since 1968, when the Volunteers lost to Oklahoma 26-24

The other alliance matchups turned out as expected: In the Sugar, it's No. 4 Florida State (10-1) vs. No. 9 Ohio State (10-2) in just the third meeting between the

teams and first since 1982. In the Fiesta, it's No. 10 Kansas State (10-1) vs. No. 14 Syracuse

Also, Notre Dame (7-5) will play Louisiana State University (8-3) in the Independence Bowl on December 28.

Once Nebraska completed its perfect regular-season with a 54-15 rout of Texas A-and-M in the Big 12 title on Saturday, the Orange Bowl had an easy time with its selections.

Four conference champions -Florida State (Atlantic Coast Conference), Syracuse (Big East), Nebraska (Big 12) and (Southeastern Conference) - received antomatic alliance bids.

The rest of the bowl lineup:

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Patriots keep share of AFC East

NEW YORK (AP) - The Green Bay Packers are just where they want to be - NFC Central champions again. But Denver, the best team in the NFL for most of the season, now faces the prospect of entering the playoffs as a wild

The Packers (11-3) clinched the NFC Central on Sunday with a 17-6 win over Tampa Bay, which will have to wait at least one more week to clinch its first playoff berth since 1982. They still trail San Francisco (12-2) in the race for home field because the Niners beat Minnesota 28-17.

But the Broncos lost 35-24 in Pittsburgh, falling into a tie in the AFC West at 11-3 with Kansas City, which shut out Oakland 30-0. The Chiefs, who clinched at least a wild-card berth Sunday, will win the division if they win their final two games - at San Diego and home to New Orleans. It was a big day for a lot of

The Steelers (10-4) not only hurt Denver, but took over the lead in the AFC Central with their win and Jacksonville's 26-20 loss to New England. They also clinched at least a wild-card berth when the New York Jets lost.

Carolina was slated to play host Dallas last night. Redskins 38, Cardinals 28

Jeff Hostetler threw for 226 yards and three touchdowns in his first start in relief of Gus Frerotte, out for the season with a broken

Brian Mitchell returned a punt 63 yards for a score and Cris Dishman scored on a 29-yard interception return as the Redskins (7-6-1) stayed a game behind the Giants in the NFC East.

Jake Plummer was 19-of-38 for 337 yards and four touchdowns, . three to Rob Moore for Arizona

Patriots 26, Jaguars 20 Drew Bledsoe, who has not

thrown an interception in his last three games, was 26-of-35 for 234. yards and two touchdowns as the Patriots (9-5) kept at least a share for first in the AFC East, where they hold all the tiebreakers. Before a record crowd of

73,466, the Jaguars (9-5) lost for touchdown against the NFL's most the first time in 13 home games and also missed a chance to clinch a playoff berth. Their last two games - against Buffalo and

Oakland - are on the road, where

they are 2-4. Colts 22, Jets 14 Marshall Faulk ran for a seasonhigh 133 yards, and the Colts registered a season-high eight sacks to win for the eighth time in their last nine games on the road against the Jets (8-6).

It was only the second win in 14 games for Indianapolis, knocked the Jets out of a first place tie and left them needing to win their two final games to make the playoffs.

49ers 28, Vikings 17 Steve Young threw for two touchdowns and ran for a third as the 49ers (12-2) finally beat a team with a winning record, although the Vikings (8-6) are on a backwards roll - this was their fourth straight loss. The victory came after a 44-9 loss in Kansas

Randall Conningham, who was out of fontball last year, played well in his first start since September 1995, completing 16 of 31 passes for 378 yards in relief of Brad Johnson, out for the season after neck surgery. Ravens 31, Seahawks 24

Jermaine Lewis resumed punts 89 and 66 yards for touchdowns in the second quarter and later caught a 29-yard scoring pass from Eric Zeier for the Ravens (5-8-1), who broke a five-game winless streak. It was the fourth loss in a row for the Scahawks (6-8).

Lewis became the 10th player in NFL history to return two punts for scores in the same game, and the third this season.

Falcons 14, Chargers 3 Ronkie Byron Hanspard returned the second-half kickoff 99 yards for a touchdown --- his second kickoff return for a TD in two weeks - as the Falcons (6-8) won their fourth straight game. That's the longest since a five-

game run in 1991. San Diego (4-10) lost its sixth straight under rookie head coach Kevin Gilbride. Bears 20, Bills 3

Erik Kramer passed for 270 yards and two touchdowns as the Bears (3-11) rebounded from a 55-20 Thanksgiving loss in Detroit. Buffalo (6-8) couldn't manage a

generous defense. Rams 34, Saints 27 Tony Banks engineered three touchdowns in the fourth quarter

STATES

COOL YOUR JETS - Indianapolis Colts' lineman Dan Footman sacks NY Jets QB Neil O'Donnell in fourth-quarter action. The Colts won 22-14.

as the Rams (4-10) overcame a 27-13 deficit to win their second

He threw two TD passes to Isaac Bruce, and Jerald Moore scored the third as the Saints (5-9) selfdestructed.

Delphins 33, Lions 30 Dan Marino threw for 310 yards and two touchdowns and set up

Olindo Mare's game-winning 42-yard field goal to keep Miami (9-5) tied for first with New England in the AFC East.

Trailing 30-22 with 5:32 left, the Lions (7-7) drove 96 yards to tie the game with 1:19 to go on a 16yard TD pass from Scott Mitchell to Herman Moore and a 2-point conversion.

Barry Sanders carried 30 times for 137 yards to break Marcus Allen's NFL record of 11 consecutive 100-yard games and took over the NFL rushing lead. In games reported in yesterday's edition, it was Steelers 35, Broncos 24; Chiefs 30, Raiders 0; Packers 17, Bucs 6 and

Others receiving votes: lova 59, Hississippi 45, Marshall 44, Wisconsin 38, Virginia 37, Louisiana Tech 25, Clemson 16, Notre Dance 13, Hississippi 52, 7,

MIAMI (AP) - Both Steve Washburn and Dave Gagner had a pair of goals Sunday to give the Florida Panthers a 5-4 victory over the Washington Capitals. John Vanbiesbrouck had 24 saves to improve to 7-9-3 on the year and moved past Mike Liut into 15th

place in NHL career victories with 295. It was only the second victory for Florida since nager Bryan Murray replaced Doug MacLean as coach November 24 and it broke a fourgame winless streak.

With 2:53 left in the game, Washburn flipped the

ent the puck to him in the slot.

Vashington's Jeff Toms, whose goal with 1:28 to

Joseph – gave the Chicago Blackhawks a 3-2 lead at 6:19 of the second period. sent the puck to him in the slot.

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play in overtime defeated the Panthers Friday night, had scored to tie the game at 4-4 midway through the third period.

Blackhawks 3 Oilers 3

The Edmonton Oilers scored on three of its first seven shots at Jeff Hackett, but Eric Daze had two goals for the Blackhawks as bost Chicago earned a

Daze's second goal of the game and ninth this season - a power-play goalmouth deflection of Gary winning score past Bill Ranford after Ray Sheppard Suter's drive from the top of the slot against Curtis

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11:00 The Little Circle 12:00 Basic Arabic

12:30 Fudge 13:00 The Adventures of The Bush Patrol

13:30 Zombit 14:00 Home and Away 14:30 Junior News 15:00 Best Video Clips

16:00 The Bold and

the Beautiful 16:50 Different Driving

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14:00 Holy Koran

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20:25 Dreams of Youth 20:50 Beverly Hills 90210 - new eighth

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13:30 Celestine 13:35 Surprise Garden with Guy Pines (rpt)
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1:00 Later from a Robert Sherwood play about an escaped gangster who holds a group of people hostage in a remote roedside restaurant. With Lesse lessed blumphay restaurant. With Lesse Howard, Humphrey Bogart and Bette Davis 23:35 Betrayed (Dutch, 1992, 115 mins.) – an aging lawyer hands his work over to his colleague and then discovers that the same man is having an affair 1:00 Later 1:30 NBC Nightly News 2:00 Tonight Show 3:00 Internight man is having an aff with his young wife

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7:00 VIP
7:30 NBC Nightly News
8:00 MSNBC News
9:00 The Today Show
10:00 European World Cup Squawk Box 11:00 European Money Wheel 15:30 CNBC US Cup 18:00 Acrobatics Squawk Box 16:30 Europe A La

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Madrid vs. Croatia

8:00 Table Tennis

6:00 Asian Soccer 6:00 Chinese Soccer 10-30 Motorsports 11:30 Cricket Week 12:00 Boating: Formula 1 12:30 Rugby – Singapore vs. China 13:00 Cricket Week 13:30 Triathlon 14:30 Indoor Soccer

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6:06 Morning Collection 9:05 Bach: Caritala no 198; Haydn: String quartet in G op 64/2 (Festetics On): Chopin: Sonata op 35/2 (Nathan Brand): Faure:

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STAR PLUS

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Soccer Magazine 23:15 Brazilian Soccer **EUROSPORT**

9:30 Ski Jumping Cup 12:00 Weightlining World Championship

14:30 Eurogoals 16:00 Biathlon: World

18:00 Acrobatics 19:00 Weightlifting 20:30 4x4 Offroad 21:00 Freeride Magazine 21:30 Boxing 22:30 Soccer: UEFA Cup Live - Atletico

Woods Masters 23:00 Badminton

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21:30 Hard Talk (rpt) 22:00 Europe Direct 23:30 Interactive 00:00 Newsdesk & Business Report

14:30 Computer 15:15 News & **Business Asia**

1:00 World View 2:30 Moneyline

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Bizet-Shchedrin: Carmen Suite; Carmen Suite; Valdteulel: Rain of Diamonds waltz 13:00 Artists of the Week - European Chamber Orchestra Haydn: Symphony no 98, Symphony in G

14:06 Folk music mostly Russia 15:00 From the Recording Studio - Clara Corcan (mezzo-soprano), Vladimir Shiirin (piano). Schumann: Frauentiebe und -leben song cycles 15 Russian Romances 16:00 My Concert with Amnon Birman 18:00 New CDs -Bacts Partita ito 2 in D minor to Evolin Solo BWV 1004; Thulile: Mass and Trio Sonata; Mozart: Sonata in A for plano K331; Schubert: Songs for

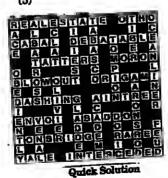
male voices 20:05 (1) Meir Baruch (plano). Haydn: Variations in F minor; 57. Polonaise op 61 Scriabin: Sonata no 9 oo 68; Rachmaninoff: 3 plano pieces. (2) Leonard Rose (cello). last recital with Andrew Wolf (plano). Beethoven: Sonata in A op 69; Barber,

Sonata op 6; Tchaikovsky: Rococo Variations 22:00 A Musical Journey

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7:00 VIP

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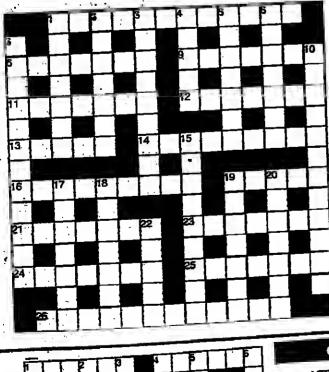
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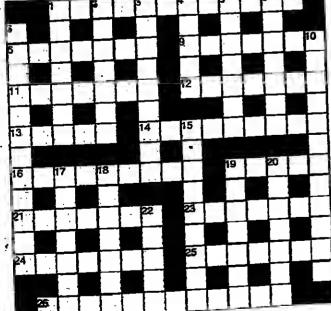
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Venables to coach Nigeria?

LONDON (AP) - The Australian soccer federation is willing to let coach Terry Venables take over Nigeria's team for next year's

Venables, the former England manager who guided Australia's unsuccessful World Cup qualifying campaign, has reportedly been offered the job as Nigeria's coach for the finals in France.

Soccer Australia chief David Hil said yesterday that he could allow Venables time off to take up the

"I would want to discuss this first with Terry, hut of course we're not in the World Cup and Nigeria is," Hill told BBC's Radio Five Live. "It costs us a lot of money to have Terry as coach, by our standards a lot of money, when we're not in the World Cup. So, frankly, it may be possible for us to release him from his contractual obligations for a period if he wants to." Australia failed to qualify for France 98 after

losing in a playoff to Iran. Our bottom line is that we want (Venables) to play an ongoing role for Australia," Hill said.

Despite the speculation linking Venables to Nigeria, Wimbledon's Nigerian international, Efan Ekoku, remained skeptical.

"I would be very surprised if it was Terry Venahles," he said. "I wouldn't put any money on him becoming the coach. I am sure we would benefit from having Terry Venables in charge. But I think, with just six or seven months to the World Cup, we are more likely to get a coach who is familiar with the players and knows African foot-

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Cavs, Pacers maintain win streaks Knicks lose fourth straight

road game against Philly

INGLEWOOD, California York's first six points but was (AP) - The Cleveland Cavaliers held to four the rest of the way and Indiana Pacers kept their and sat out the entire fourth winning streaks alive in different quarter.

The Cavs won their eighth straight game Sunday night, beating the Los Angeles Lakers

Wesley Person scored 22 points for Cleveland, which withstood a furious fourth-quarter rally to hand the Lakers their first home loss of the season after eight victories.

"This is a pretty good win for us," Person said. "Our defense is coming together."

The Pacers extended their winning streak to six when Reggie Miller hit a baseline jumper at the overtime buzzer for a 99-97 victory over the Phoenix Suns.

"I always like to silence the crowd on the road," Miller said. That's what separates the good players from the great players. It was me against 19,000 people screaming and clapping. When I hit the shot, it was so quiet."

Pacers 99

Suns 97 (OT)

Miller took a midcourt inbounds pass from Mark Pope, drove to the baseline and fired an arching shot over Jason Kidd that swished through as the born sounded at Phoenix.

Miller, who didn't score in the first half, finished with 19 points as Indiana won its fifth straight on the road on coach Larry Bird's 41st birthday.

Danny Manning scored 25 points for the Suns, who rallied from a 10-point deficit in the final minutes to force overtime. Cavaliers 94

Lakers 84

Kobe Bryant almost single-handedly brought the host Lakers back, scoring 14 of his 21 points in the first six minutes of the fourth quarter as Los Angeles cut a 19-point deficit to eight.

The Lakers got even closer when Elden Campbell hit a jumper and Eddie Jones made two free throws to cut Cleveland's lead to 83-79 with 2:18 remaining. But Person hit a clutch 3-pointer and the Cavs went on to win their sixth straight on the road.

Cleveland outrebounded the Lakers 49-37.

the host 76ers ended a threeie iosing streak.

Allan Houston had 27 points for the Knicks, who have lost three of their last four and four

straight road games. Patrick Ewing scored New

Pistons 93

Raptors 83
Reserve Jerome Williams had 20 points and 11 rebounds as the Detroit Pistons snapped a fourgame road losing streak.

John Wallace scored 23 points for the Raptors, who extended their franchise-record losing streak to 16 games.

Grant Hill bad 20 points and

10 rebounds for the Pistons. while Damon Stoudamire had 21 points and nine assists for Toronto.

Bucks 97 SuperSonics 91

Terrell Brandon, who came to Milwaukee in a three-way trade that sent Vin Baker to Seattle, scored 20 points and the Bucks overcame Baker's 29 points to beat the SuperSonics.

Ray Allen also scored 20 for Milwaukee, while Armon Gilliam added 19 and Glenn Robinson 18.

Baker, traded to Scattle on September 25 in a deal that brought Brandon and Tyrone Hill to the Bucks from Cleveland, hit a baseline shot that pulled Seattle to 91-89 with

But Allen countered with a basket and Baker picked up his fifth and six fouls over the next 30 seconds.

Nuggets 100

Clippers 92 LaPhonso Ellis scored a season-high 21 points and the Nuggets overcame a 10-point deficit in the fourth quarter.

Ellis sparked the rally with nine fourth-quarter points as the Nuggets outscored Los Angeles 30-14 in the final period and won for only the second time in 17 games.

Bohby Jackson added 17 points and Danny Fortson 15 for the Nuggets. Eric Piatkowski and Rodney Rogers each scored 18 for the Clippers, who lost their seventh straight on the road. -Kings 99

Warriors 84 Mitch Richmond and Corliss Williamson each scored 24 points as the host Kings snapped

a six-game losing streak. 76ers 93

Knicks 78

Allen Iverson scored 27 points and Jerry Stackhouse had 20 as without a start of the sta a 45-45 tie and went ahead to

> Joe Smith scored 24 points for Golden State, which played its third game since star Latrell Sprewell was suspended for attacking coach P.J. Carlesimo.

NEW YORK (AP) - Brady

Anderson and the Baltimore

by Beth Elon

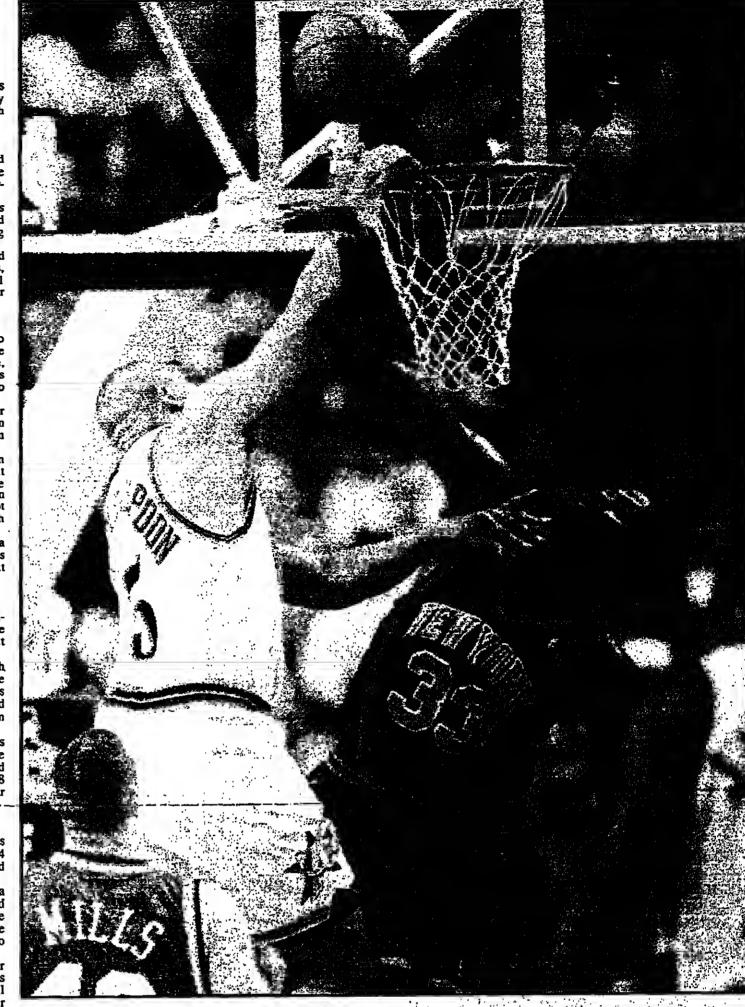
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THE DUNK STOPS HERE - The Knicks' Patrick Ewing blocks a dunk attempt by the 76ers' Clarence Weatherspoon.

Anderson, Molitor, Gaetti re-sign before arbitration deadline

Anderson, Paul Molitor and Gary Gaetti were among 10 free agents who returned to their former baseball teams Sunday, agreeing to new contracts before the midnight deadline to offer players salary arbitration.

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Orioles agreed to a \$31-million, five-year contract, ending weeks of negotiations between the outfielder and owner Peter Angelos. Molitor, who had been negotiating with Baltimore and Toronto, changed his mind and

agreed just before the deadline to

a \$4.15 million one-year contract

with the Minnesota Twins, a raise of \$650,000. The 41-year-old designated hitter, who had considered retirement, is 12th on the career hits list at 3,178 and could move up to eighth next year.

Gaetti, a 39-year-old third baseman, agreed to a \$1 million, one-year contract with the St.

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Louis Cardinals. He can earn \$1.1 million more in performance bonuses, which would

Seven other players also agreed to contracts before the deadline: San Francisco brought back a pair of pitchers, agreeing to a \$1.42 million, two-year contract with left-hander Rich Rodriguez and a \$550,000, one-year con-

matching his 1997 salary.

tract with right-hander Danny Darwin. · Texas and left-hander Scott Bailes agreed to a \$200,000, one-

year deal. - Anaheim and right-hander Rich DeLucia agreed to a \$400,000, one-year contract with a \$700,000 team option in 1999, and the Angels agreed to a minorleague contract with right-hander Mark Gubicza.

· Toronto gave infielder-outfielder Juan Samnel a minorleague contract that would earn him a \$420,000 salary if he makes the team. · Milwaukee agreed to a minor-

league contract with outfielder Darrin Jackson that calls for a \$550,000 salary if he's in the majors, plus the chance to make \$450,000 in performance bonus-/ Officials from the union and management agreed to stop the

clock for an hour to give St. Louis and Andy Benes time to work ont a new contract, but the team and the pitcher couldn't get it done in the additional time." Benes and other free agents not offered salary arbitration cannot

re-sign with their former teams. until May I. Those who were offered arbitration have until December 19 to accept or reject the offers and may negotiate with their former clubs through

Of the players offered arbitra-

tion; four already have agreed to bring him up to \$2.1 million deals. But Baltimore offered it to Anderson, Detroit offered it to Willie Blair, Texas offered it to Bailes and San Francisco offered it to Roberto Hernandez because their new contracts have not been Others offered arbitration were

outfielder Harold Baines by Baltimore: catcher Pat Borders by Cleveland; third haseman Dean Palmer by Kansas City; outfielders Tim Raines and Darryl Strawberry by the New York Yankees catcher Rick Wilkins by Scattle; infielder Bill Ripken and pitcher Bobby Witt by Texas; onfielder Deion Sanders and pitchers Kent Mercker, Mike Morgan and Jose Rijo by Cincinnait; pitchers Mike Munoz and Bruce Ruffin by Colorado; pitcher Pete Smith by San Diego and reliever Dennis Eckersley by St. Louis. The deadling also was signifi-cant for another reason: Draft

pick compensation disappear at midnight for those free agents not offered arbitration. Some teams didn't want to lose draft picks and are waiting until this week to sign players they've talked to.

The passing of the deadline is expected to clear the way for the New York Yankees to sign designated hitter Chili Davis, for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays to sign DH Paul Sorrento and third baseman Wade Boggs, and for the Cleveland to sign right-hander Dwight Gooden.

Also, the San Diego Padres were said to be close to completing a trade with Florida 8 acquire Marlins ace Kevil

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